

A VOLUME OF PERSONAL SKETCHES

AND FAMILY LIFE

in the

GENEALOGY OF HENRY BONNELL AND AMELIA BONNELL

And Other Members of the Family.

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COMPENSATION.

--Selected.

If I have wiped one tear away,
Or made one burden lighter;
If I have made a cloudy day
For anybody brighter;
If any heart is sweet and pure
Because my love was ready;
If any life is more secure,
Because my hand was steady;
If any downcast, troubled soul
Found joy and light and gladness,
Because my little life touched his,
I have no cause for sadness.

If I have freed one captive soul,
By breaking off a fetter;
If I, through word or deed, have made
The world a little better;
If I have spent my little while
In giving loving cheerful giving,
And taught some quiv'ring lip to smile,
Then, Life is worth the Living.
If others serve, because I lent them
Joy and inspiration;
Then, all the pain of life has found
ABUNDANT COMPENSATION.

A FORE WORD.

The preparation of this volume is not a new idea. It has long been in the minds of members of the family that something of the kind is due, but it has been delayed until now. I have not been disposed to undertake it, but have done so as a last resort, realizing the opportunity for any of the older children will soon be passed if not accepted soon.

It is to be regretted that none of our older brothers had not written such memoirs as they were capable of doing when they were younger and better able to do so.

We have done the best we could under the circumstances. Several relatives have aided the cause and to them we are very grateful.

The volume is submitted in hope of its filling its intended purpose, without apologies.

Very truly,

THE COMPILER.

THE BONNELL FAMILY TREE.

----- MOSES BONNELL.

The founder of the family of Henry Bonnell, of the town of Griggsville, Ill., was Moses Bonnell, who was born in the state of Pennsylvania, in the year of 1774, April 3rd. He was married to Hannah Buckingham, the 2d daughter of ~~John~~ ^{John} Buckingham, a resident of New Castle County, Delaware, but who was also a native of Pennsylvania. Their union was formed by marriage Mar. 22, 1798. They were parents of ten children of whom Henry Bonnell was the ninth member. Moses Bonnell died in Sept. 7 1814.

----- ELIJAH MATTOX.

Elijah Mattox was born in 1794, and was married to Elizabeth Medaris in 1813. She died in 1858, and he took for his second wife Matilda Medaris. Children born to Elijah and Elizabeth Mattox numbered six, of which Amelia was the first born. She became the wife of Henry Bonnell and was the mother of eleven children. Elijah Mattox served in the war of 1812 under Captain Hanes, and marched to the relief of Fort Meigs. *Died 1853*

The children of Henry and Amelia Bonnell were as follows: ~~William~~ Wayland, Thomas, Mary Jane, Joseph Gatch, Albert, Ann Elizabeth, Laura, Helen, Kate, and Belle and Margaret Alice.

THE HENRY BONNELL FAMILY.

While the family of Henry and Amelia Bonnell did not qualify as pioneer residents of Pike County they were rated among the old citizens. Emigrating to Illinois from Ohio in the early fifties, they located at Griggsville, where they experienced the effects of the financial depression, the stirring political campaigns, and the exciting days of the civil war period. They could hardly have chosen a worse time to remove to a new and strange settlement. Many were the privations they endured, although these were tempered in a measure with a share of pleasures.

Naturally of congenial dispositions the members of the family took life in its natural way.

In the family group were thirteen--father, mother, four sons and seven daughters--William Wayland, Thomas, Mary Jane, Joseph Gatch, Albert, Ann Elizabeth, Laura, Helen, Kate, Belle and Margaret Alice. There you have the brood that was nourished, fed, clothed and educated by our parents--a subject to contemplate upon in these days of the high cost of living, and of small families or no families.

The compensation Henry and Amelia Bonnell received was in the consciousness of having contributed to the world's usefulness a physician, two preachers, three school teachers, and three housewives and mothers, glory enough, surely, for any parents.

Henry Bonnell and Amelia Mattox were reared near each other in Clermont County, Ohio, where they became sweethearts, and were married. Starting out as farmers they changed from that occupation to ~~another~~, then located at Batavia, where the husband engaged in learning the harness making trade. There they resided for several years, and William Wayland, Thomas, Mary Jane, Joseph Gatch, Albert and Ann Elizabeth were born.

At Batavia, the first sorrow came to the family-- death of Ann Elizabeth, who was stricken with that dreaded disease, cholera, so common at that time. She was called away at barely two years of age.

The young father was ambitious and as business was slow there he began to cast about for a better location. He heard of Pike County, Illinois, as a supposed favorable point. The change of residence was made to Griggsville, where the head of the family engaged again in the harness trade. There two more daughters were added to the family-- Laura and Helen.

As business did not improve as he hoped for the father again decided to try agricultural pursuits. A farm near New Salem was secured, and the family was removed to it. While on the farm the family circle was completed by the arrival of three more daughters --Kate, Belle and Margaret Alice.

Tilling of the soil failed of its promised financial relief, so the live stock and implements were disposed of and the family again became residents of Griggsville, and another harness shop was opened. As this change was made during the civil war period and business was unsettled, the prospects were somewhat doubtful, but indicated improvement.

Hopes were again blasted, however, and the greatest affliction of all took place. The head of the family and the main support, developed an abscess in his side and in a very brief time he passed away, leaving the cares and responsibility on the mother, with what assistance she could receive from the elder daughter, who had some time before completed her education and was teaching school. In a few years two other daughters--Helen and Kate--qualified as teachers and did their bit towards the family support. Thus it was by sacrifice and good management the family was kept together. The one determination of the parents was that the children should receive a good education, whatever else was neglected, and that pledge was religiously adhered to.

In the course of years the old home was sold, and after a time the mother went to live with her daughter Helen at Barry. She passed away at the home of her daughter Belle at Astoria, but not before seeing all the daughters, save one, happily married.

As if the family of eleven children were not enough our parents, out of the goodness of their hearts made a home for their orphan niece, Missouri Almina Behymer, who was always known to the other children of the family as simply "Zue." She remained with the family for several years and grew to womanhood. In 1865, Oct. 12th, she was married to Clayton B. Hooper, of Pike County and the couple soon after the wedding went to Missouri to live. They located at Nelson, where they lived until death overtook them a few years ago. The two died only a few months apart.

—Mrs. A. Bonnell, whose obituary appears elsewhere in this issue, was on her annual visit with her son, Dr. W. W. Bonnell, and her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Farwell, of Astoria, Ill., and their families, when her sudden and brief sickness took her from labor to reward. For many years she has made and enjoyed these annual autumnal visits. This time her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Watson, accompanied her on her way as far as Chapin, when they separated, all unaware that it was to be their final parting, the daughter going on to visit friends elsewhere. The week before her sickness her son, Joseph G., a former pastor of the M. E. church of this place, and who had not met her for near eight years, having resided in Florida for that length of time, went from the late session of his conference at Jerseyville, Ill., to make her a visit. He found her in remarkable vigor for one of her age, and

after a brief and pleasant visit, he bade her adieu the evening of Sept. 23d and returned to his home at Harrisburg, Ill. On Thursday, Oct. 1, about 11:30 a. m., she was taken violently ill with congestion of the stomach, to which she had been subject at different periods in late years. For some hours she suffered intense pain, but afterward became comparatively comfortable and then passed into a state of unconsciousness from which she never recovered and died at 11:15 p. m. Friday. A telegram Friday afternoon conveyed word to her relatives at Barry, and Mrs. Watson made her way as quickly as possible thitherward. But, alas! ere she reached her bedside, about 1:30 a. m., Oct. 2, the "silver cord was loosed, and the golden bowl was broken." The last conflict had come and death had asserted her sway. But her beautiful life faded out as gently and peacefully "As sinks the summer's sun to rest." *died 10/2/1896*



Helen, Margaret and
Twins?



Helen, the Twins
Margaret Alice.



Another Bonnell Group.

Rev. Joseph Bonnell, Helen Smith, Margaret Watson
Belle Fennell, Orest Bonnell

HENRY BONNELL.

The career of Henry Bonnell opened at Washington county, Pa., Oct. 27, 1809, when he was born to his parents, Moses and Hannah Buckingham Bonnell. When he was about two years of age the family moved to the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio. In that region Henry grew to manhood. He selected for his life companion Amelia Mattox of Locust Corner, Ohio. He established a harness making business in Batavia, Ohio, and carried it on successfully until the year 1850. During his residence in Batavia he served his community as justice of the peace. At this time in his life he was fond of fine horses, and would buy or trade for a scrawney looking colt, feed him up and groom him until he was a fine horse. He built up such a reputation along this line that a neighbor once said he believed he could take a goat and make a good horse out of it.

In the fall of 1850 he moved his family to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, and carried on the harness business there until the spring of 1855, when he sold out his business and bought a farm about ten miles a little north of west of Griggsville and remained there until February, 1863. He then disposed of the place and moved back to Griggsville, and once more engaged in the harness business, which he continued until his death in 1870.

Henry Bonnell was a man of sterling integrity and principle. His word was as good as his bond any time. He and his companion were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church wherever they lived, he generally serving the church in some capacity, officially. The family government was always dominated by the Christian religion, the religion of love. Under such influence it was no wonder all of their children became church members in early life and in turn have done their part in making this world a better

place in which to live. In such an atmosphere were the two sons, Thomas and Joseph Gatch, reared and influenced to adopt the ministry as a life profession.

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AMELIA MATTOX BONNELL.

(By a Friend.)

A character such as possessed by Amelia Mattox Bonnell is worthy of the highest encomium. What is greater than the life of a good woman who humbly walks the paths of virtue and responsibility without ostentation or display. That, indeed, was the course laid out and followed by Mrs. Bonnell. "Her modesty always bespoke her merit." Could her history be written in full it would be a life story of love, toil and devotion, with few of the pleasures.

When as a maiden of twenty, Amelia Mattox became the bride of Henry Bonnell, she entered upon a career of service that is barely equalled. Small of stature and of moderate strength, she met all the duties and trials of wife and motherhood with gracious resignation. The precepts and examples, as well as those of her husband, both in public and private, were most exemplary, and reflected strongly upon their offspring, all of whom followed in their footsteps who reached mature years and became honorable and respected citizens.

Mrs. Bonnell was a woman of deep convictions. Naturally of a religious nature, she was at all times faithful to the church of her choice--Methodist Episcopal--wherever she lived. She possessed a beautiful christian personality,; her saintly bearing left its impress upon all who knew her. She was kind and gentle, prudent and self-sacrificing, Gracious and sympathetic, yet courageous in times of stress and storm. She was a friend of humanity.

Her life was well rounded and fruitful, and her declining years passed peacefully and serenely. She had acted well her part in the drama of life.

Born July 21, 1814
Married Oct. 30, 1834 Henry Bonnell
Died Nov. 2, 1896



Dr. W. W. Bonnell and Family.



Rev. Joseph Bonnell and Wife.



Seated - Margaret B. Watson, Mary Eliza Burleigh, Dr. W. W. Bonnell, Mrs. W. W. B., May Luke, Belle Farwell.
 2nd Row - Emma W. Bonnell, Mary Farwell, Frances Bonnell, Mary Agnes Watson, Wm. Luke, Helen Smith.
 Back " - Albert Bonnell, Dennis Burleigh, Ned Farwell, Wm. Burleigh, W. W. Watson.

DR. WILLIAM WAYLAND BONNELL.

Dr. William Wayland Bonnell had the privilege of a long professional career. He was born at Batavia, O., Dec. 23, 1835, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. He chose for an occupation the medical profession, and after emigrating to Griggsville and later while residing on the farm, he took up the study of medicine with an old time physician at New Salem, Ill., and was afterward a student at Rush Medical college at Chicago. He began the practice of his profession at the nearby town of Naples, Ill., but did not long remain there, and then located at Clayton, Ill., and resumed his practice for a period of several years. He next returned to Griggsville and remained there for a time, then going to Astoria, Ill., where he remained permanently, until called away by death. He also opened a drug store at that place in 1885.

No person comes closer to the home than the family physician. He is the counselor and advisor not only in cases of illness, but in all the walks of life. Dr. Bonnell experienced those conditions.

Wherever he resided he became prominently associated with the professional, social and religious life. He devoted special attention to church affairs, and occupied various official positions. He also belonged to the Masonic order and to other fraternal organizations.

Dr. Bonnell chose for his life companion Jane E. Smith, daughter of Dennis Smith of Carthage, Ill., and the wedding took place at the home of the bride in that city April 29, 1860. They journeyed together in happy relationship for more than fifty-four years, sharing each other's joys and pleasures and comforting each other in the hours of sorrow and adversity. Mrs. Bonnell was a true and faithful wife and mother, ever occupying an honorable and respected position with her neighbors and friends where ever she lived.

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Three daughters blessed the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bonnell. They were Mary Elizabeth, born at Clayton March 11, 1861; Ella May and Emma Amelia, twins, who were born at Griggsville, March 4, 1865. Emma Amelia lived only seven days, and was buried at Griggsville. Mary Elizabeth was united in marriage to Demaine Burleigh at Astoria, Nov. 24, 1881. Mr. Burleigh died at Topeka, Kan., after railroading for fifty-six or more years. He began that occupation at Clayton, Ill. at the age of 16 years, and was employed by the Wabash, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Rock Island in the capacity of brakeman, conductor and assistant train master, closing his career as station master at Topeka. He died March 1, 1923, at Topeka, and lies in the cemetery of that city. *Mary Eliz - died 4-6-1887*

The children of Mary Elizabeth and husband are Wm. Henry, Nellie May and Gertrude. William Henry was born at Astoria, Feb. 12, 1883; was married to Vivian Collins, at Elden, Mo., June 18, 1914. There are no children. The couple reside at Detroit, Mich., where the husband established business and is doing well.

Nellie May Burleigh was born at Astoria, Jan. 1, 1885. She married Fred M. Card at Liberty, Mo., Dec. 24, 1927. They have no children. Topeka is their present home.

Gertrude Amelia Burleigh was born at Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4, 1886, she died June 2, 1894, and was buried at Astoria.

Ella May Bonnell was born at Griggsville, Mar. 4, 1865. On Feb. 14, 1894, she was married to Wm. H. Fluke at the family home at Astoria. They located in Kansas, in which state Mr. Fluke engaged in the grain business for several years. After retiring from business he became a minister and followed that profession for some time. His death occurred at Bucklin, Mo. Jan. 23, 1927. Mrs. Fluke has since the death of her husband lived at Topeka. She is still much interested in religious matters and devotes her time to helping along the good cause. She was of valuable assistance to her husband in his religious work. They had no children. *Died 5-2-1934*

Dr. and Mrs. Bonnell are said to have been sweet

hearts in Ohio and both came to Illinois near the same time. They were well calculated for each other and lived a long and agreeable life together. Their devotion to each other was very marked. Mrs. Bonnell died at the home of her daughter Mary Elizabeth at Topeka, ~~6-3-1921~~ and her remains were taken to Astoria and placed beside her late husband in the cemetery there.

In 1910, Dr. and Mrs. Bonnell celebrated their golden wedding. The affair was an event of moment and attracted a host of relatives and friends, who were glad to congratulate them on their happy pilgrimage. The day was pronounced by the couple as one of the happiest of their lives.

Dr. Bonnell died at Astoria, June 6, 1914. He was buried with Masonic honors and from the Methodist church of that place. He is missed from the commercial and other circles of that city.

Mrs. Bonnell died 11-2-1921

Topeka, Kans.

MRS W. W. BONNELL

W. S. COOPER, JR.

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open the lock, and the possessor
of these keys thus given awa

W. W. Watson, Eliz. Burleigh, Brel Watson Eugene Smith



Margaret Watson Zue Hooper Helen Smith



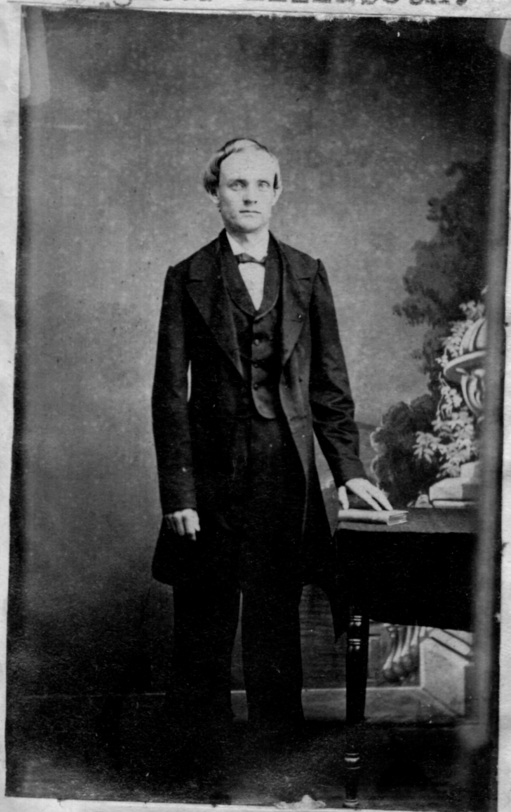
Zue Clay Hooper



Dr. W. W. Bonnell, wife
Daughter Elizabeth.



"Clayt and Zue."



Thomas Bonnell



Mrs. Thos. Bonnell.



Bonnie Farwell, Margaret Watson, Belle Farwell, Mary Agnes Watson
Hart Farwell



Eugene Smith, Belle Farwell, Helen Smith, Margaret Watson
W. W. Watson

THOMAS BONNELL.

Thomas Bonnell was one of the older set of the family. He was educated in the public schools of Batavia, Ohio, where he was born and brought up to the age of twelve years. The rest of his education came to him in the Griggsville Academy. He supplemented this part of his schooling with four years of study as prescribed by the Methodist Episcopal Church, in preparation for the ministry. He was admitted to the Illinois conference in the sessions of 1859. His first charge was Payson. Then came Middletown, Mt. Sterling, Lynville, Rosemond circuit, Warrensburg, Janes Chapel Grove City, and Mt. Auburn circuit. Owing to serious affection of the throat he asked for and was granted the supernumerary relation in 1895 and continued in that relation from that time until his death, which occurred at Taylorville, Ill., May 3, 1897.

Thomas was twelve years of age when the family removed from Ohio to Illinois and located at Griggsville. He fitted in quite well with his new surroundings and like the other members of the family grew up in the excellent atmosphere of that place. It was not at all surprising that a young man of his makeup and inclination should follow the course he did.

Thomas Bonnell came of the family so often referred to in this volume-- that of Henry and Amelia Bonnell. On Sept. 25, 1862, he took for his life companion Miss Catherine Hinman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hinman, an old and respected couple of Pike County. The wedding took place at the country home of the family, near the village of Perry, Ill., a noted place in its day. Hinman Chapel, an interesting house of religious worship, that has long held public favor as a community center. Soon after the ceremony the couple took up the work of a new and young preacher's itinerary.

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Five children came to the home of Thomas and Catherine Bonnell--Charles Hinman, Mary Alice, Henry Wilbur, Thomas Clarence and Sarah Frances.

Charles Hinman Bonnell was born at Perry, Pike County, Ill., Nov. 6, 1863. He was married to Jane Agnes Large, Aug. 26, 1891, at Owaneco, Ill. To this union were born three children--Lois, Wayland and Mary. Lois was born in Christain County, Ill., Nov. 22, 1892, is married and now resides on R. I., Morrisville, Ill.; Wayland, born in the same county, Feb. 10, 1897, is married and resides on R. I., Owaneca, and Mary, also born there, June 12, 1899, is single and resides at home. Charles Hinman Bonnell is in the banking business at Rosemond, Ill., he is a well informed citizen, is prominent in farm bureau work, and is interested in public affairs generally. **Died 1-23-1943**

Mary Alice Bonnell was born in Christain county April 28, 1867; she died at Perry, Nov. 5, 1871, and was buried at the Hinman Chapel cemetery.

Henry Wilbur Bonnell came to the family in Christian county, Feb. 4, 1871, and passed away at Owaneca Mar. 28, 1873. His remains lie in the cemetery at Buckeye, Ill.

Died 6-21-1947 Thomas Clarence is a well known educator at Harrisburg, Ill., where he has superintended the schools for a number of years. He is also a native of Christian county, where he was born Feb. 1, 1873. He was married to Docia May Turner, at Taylorville, July 12, 1900. Their children are Mildred, born at Taylorville, June 10, 1905, and Ellis, born at Harrisburg, Oct. 4, 1908, both are single. Mildred is a dietician and is in service at Rockford, Ill., and Ellis is a medical student at Chicago University.

Sarah Frances Bonnell was born at Owaneco, July 7, 1875. She is a school teacher, is single, and still resides there.. **Died 3-4-1942**

Thomas Bonnell died at Taylorville, Ill., May 3, 1897 of pneumonia. Catherine Bonnell survived him a number of years, and passed away at Owaneca, Sept. 10, 1913. She suffered with illness for some time before her death. She and Frances lived at Normal, Ill., for a few years, while Frances attended the state university.

Bonello



"Jennie."



Laura.



Albert.

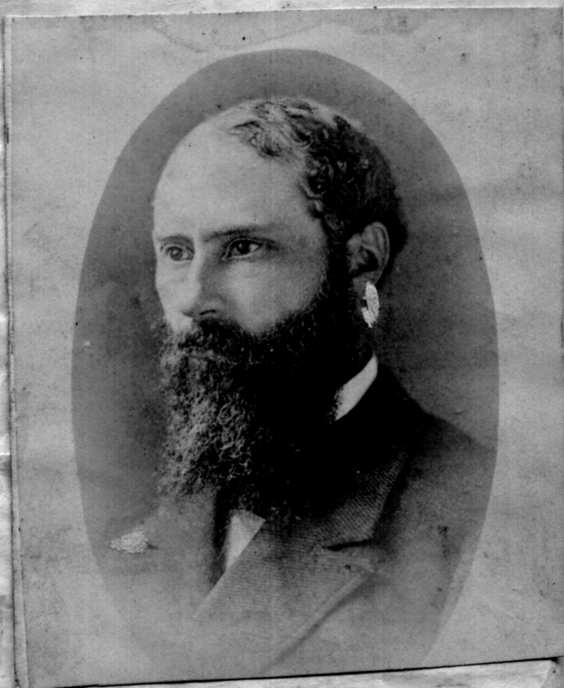


Helen.

Helen Bonnell Smith



Helen Smith



Eugene Smith

MARY JANE BONNELL.

The life story of Mary Jane Bonnell, or "Jennie" as she was known to all, is one of self-denial, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty. Her life was devoid of romance, and in it prose took the place of poetry. Hers was decidedly a life for others. She loved flowers and birds and fields and brooks and--children as others did, but her time was mostly taken with the latter. She enjoyed few of the pleasures usually allotted to childhood, and social affairs meant but little to her in her maturer years. She was a beautiful character, whose graces were modesty, retirement, devotion and christian spirit. If ever there were two women entitled to crowns it was the mother and Jennie. That is the testimony of the beneficiaries of their love and labors, and they should know.

Born at Batavia, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1840, Jennie was the third child and the oldest daughter of Henry and Amelia Bonnell. At the age of ten she came with her parents and older children to Pike County, Illinois, seven all told. Ann Elizabeth, who was taken away in her infancy, was left peacefully sleeping in the cemetery at Batavia.

During the early residence of the family at Griggsville two more daughters were born to the family, and after locating at the farm three other daughters came. To all of these Jennie was the "little mother", the caretaker and guiding spirit, as the mother, with her multitudinous duties to perform had not the time to devote much attention to them. That Jennie left her imprint on the hearts and character of her younger sisters was self-evident. The entire family always paid loving tributes to the mother and Jennie. Well may they "rise up and call them blessed."

Jennie received a good education and qualified herself for school teaching, and was thus enabled to aid in the family expenses. Her first school was in the Grump district, a few miles west of Griggsville. She

next taught in the PinOak district. After these experiences the school board of Griggsville considered her competent to take charge of the primary room in the graded school. She accepted the offer and taught that school with such success that she held the position for thirteen years in succession, and with much credit to herself and the district.

On May 21, 1884, Jennie was married to James Pierce of Decatur, Ill., who was a contractor by occupation. The couple resided at the old home at Griggsville, until Jennie's death, which occurred from cancer April 5, 1889. Mr. Pierce then returned to Decatur to live with his daughter.

Jennie was the last member of the family to leave home and soon after her death the mother broke up housekeeping. D 4/5/1889

W. W. Watson Elis. Burleigh B. B. Watson Eugene Smith



Margaret Agnes Watson
Margaret Alice Watson

Joe Knoper

Walter Smith

Helen B. Smith Margaret B. Watson
 Belle B. Farwell
 Bess Bonnell
 Albert Bonnell Emma W. Bonnell Mabel Bonnell



Rev. J. H. Bonnell Mrs. J. H. Bonnell W. W. Watson Same as above
 Bonnell Family Groups



Margaret Alice and Elizabeth. *Burling*
Watson



W. W. Watson, wife
and Son Bret.

REV. JOSEPH GATCH BONNELL.

Joseph Gatch Bonnell began his education in the public schools of Batavia, Ohio, and continued his studies in the public schools of Griggsville, and in the Griggsville Academy. He further continued his scholastic studies in Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. These several courses were supplemented by more studies along the line of the four years course of studies prescribed by Illinois conference in preparation for the ministry by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He entered the Illinois conference in the fall of 1869. He served as pastor of different charges for thirteen years in the Illinois conference, seven in the St. John River conference of Florida, and four years in the Southern Illinois conference and seven years in the Colorado conference.

He was for seven years financial agent of Chad-dock College at Quincy, Ill., and two years as president of Hayward College at Fairfield, Ill.

In a literary line he prepared and edited the manuscript for a soldier boy's book narrating the experiences of the fifteen year old boy in the Union army during the civil war. Besides writing numerous communications for publication in church papers he collected some of those communications and issued them in leaflet form. On the score of his literary work as well as educational and pastorate work, he was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Hedding College of Abbingdon, Ill. After forty years of such services, at the age of sixty-six, on his own request, he was promoted to the retired relation by the Colorado conference in the fall of 1909.

Another trait of Rev. Joseph was his musical ability. He had a splendid voice and made excellent use of it in that manner. He also composed several musical selections that were printed and adopted by some of the congregations he served.

The date of Rev. Joseph Bonnell's birth is Jan. 10, 1843. He was married to Sarah Catherine Metz at Chambersburg, Ill., May 12, 1870, and for thirty-six yrs the couple journeyed down life's pathway together, sharing the sunshine and the shadows of the Methodist itinerary. They had their full share of the shadows. The wife and mother died at Denver, Col., July 11th, 1906. She was buried at Astoria, Ill., a few days after.

The children born to Joseph and Sarah C. Bonnell were Henry Arthur, Emily Estella, Benjamin Ralph, Alva Belle, Winfred Eugene, Joseph Elmer, and Clara Kate. Henry Arthur Bonnell, born at Downs, Ill., died 1872, died at Chambersburg, Ill., July 27, 1872, and was buried at the same place.

Emily Estella Bonnell, born at Griggsville, Ill., Oct. 7, 1873, died at Fairfield, Ill., July 8, 1898, and was buried there.

Benjamin Ralph Bonnell, born at Astoria, Ill., Oct. 7, 1875, died there Dec. 28, 1878, and was buried at the same place.

Alva Belle Bonnell, born at Naples, Ill., Aug. 28, 1877, died at Eagle, Col., July 25, 1903, and was buried at Fairfield, Ill.

Winfred Eugene Bonnell, born at Astoria, Oct. 7, 1879, was married to Lucy Jackson at Epworth, Ill., Feb. 18, 1903. Their children were: Mildred Ruth, born at Eagle, Col., Aug. 28, 1903; Marguerite, born at Epworth, Ill., Mar. 13, 1906; Mary Louise, born at Epworth, Mar. 24, 1908.

222 1945 Joseph Elmer Bonnell, born at Astoria, April 3rd, 1881; was married to Mabelle Timmons at Denver, July 18, 1907; have two boys--Gerald Mears, born at Denver, Dec. 3, 1908, and Joseph Eugene, born at Seattle, Wash. Jan. 18, 1914. 1946

Clara Kate Bonnell, born at Quincy, Ill., Sept. 28, 1884; was married to Paul McHenry at Breeze, Ill., on Aug. 31, 1904. Three children came to them--Emily L. born at Denver, May 6, 1906, and Merriack Head and Frederick Paul. Clara died at Manatte, Wash., June 2, 1925, and was buried in the cemetery at Bremerton, Wash.

Joseph Gatch Bonnell took for his second wife Mrs. Nannie E. Smith, widow of the venerable Dr. J. L. Smith, of the Northwest Indiana conference, an intel

ligent lady and vigorous church worker, with whom he has quite pleasantly journeyed during the years of his retirement. He reached his 87th birthday Jan. 10, 1930, having attained greater age than any other of the family thus far. He is now spending his declining years with his son, Joseph Elmer, at his home at a suburb of Dallas, Texas. That son has a fine position with a Texas oil company and is prospering.

A - 12-12-1931

The wedding of Joseph G. Bonnell and Mrs. Nannie E. Smith took place Nov. 12, 1910.

Barry
Dec 16

REV. J. G. BONNELL
DIED SATURDAY AT
HIS TEXAS HOME

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Batavia,
illy to

Was Brother of Mrs. W. W.
Watson, of Barry—Burial
In Astoria.

Mrs. W. W. Watson of this city was apprised of the death of her brother, Rev. Joseph G. Bonnell, last Sunday. The deceased passed away at the home of his son, Elmer at Dallas, Texas, Saturday morning, December 12 1931, after an illness covering a period of several months. He was nearly 88 years of age. His death was the second in the family within a few months, a sister, Mrs. Helen Smith having died August 1, 1931, at her home in this city.

Rev. Bonnell was a veteran minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. After his preparatory education, at Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, he entered Illinois Conference in the fall of 1869, and served charges for 13 years in that conference, seven years in St. John River conference of Florida.

REV. JOSEPH G. BONNELL'S SONG-POEM.

"SOME SWEET MORNING."

Below is printed the words of one of Rev. Joseph G. Bonnell's favorite Song-Poems of his own composition, expressing the Christian's hope of immortality.

Some sweet morning when the mists have passed away
Some sweet morning we shall soar to endless day,
Some sweet morning we shall enter heaven for aye,
And shall be forever blest.

Some sweet morning when our eyes to earth shall close
Some sweet morning we shall enter heaven's repose,
Some sweet morning, Oh, the joy it will disclose;
We shall be forever at rest.

Some sweet morning we shall walk the golden strand,
Some sweet morning we shall join the ransomed band,
Some sweet morning we shall by our Savior stand,
And shall find our soul's loved quest.

CHORUS.

Oh, the sweetness of the morning when our feet shall
cease to roam,
Oh, the sweetness of the morning that will bear us
to our home,
Oh, the sweetness of the morning when our eyes shall
see the gloam
Of the bright immortal day.



Margaret Agnes Watson

Bonnie Farnell

Margaret Alice and Baby Margaret Agnes



Margaret Alice and Baby Margaret Agness.



Margaret Agnes



Margaret Agness



Margaret Agnes



Margaret Agnes



Margaret Agness



Margaret Agnew



Margaret Agnes



Margaret



Margaret



Margaret



Margaret and Esmerelda Doll.



Margaret Watson and "Happy Dog."



Miss Margaret and Her Dolls.



Esther & La. Veta McVay



Margaret Agness 1917

Margaret Agness Watson (college pictures)



1920



1918



1919



1921

ALBERT BONNELL.

The youngest son of Henry and Amelia Bonnell was born at Batavia, Ohio, May 13, 1845. He was named Albert. When he was five years old he moved from his native city to Griggsville, with his family. At the proper age he entered the public schools there and when the move to the farm near New Salem was made in 1855, he with other children of the family of school age became students of the country district. The term of school in those days was confined to the winter months, as is sometimes the case yet, and the school house was some distance away. What education the children received under the prevailing conditions was in fact hard earned.

When the farm experiment failed and the family returned to Griggsville to live, Albert entered the Academy to complete his education. Among his school mates of that period were Walker Cree, Jas. Winn and Charles Kenney, all of whom afterward became prominent citizens of the town, and two of them are still living there, Mr. Cree and Mr. Winn. The friendship between Albert and these men continued throughout their life time, and Albert delighted to recount the many good times they had when young men on hunting and fishing trips to the Illinois river, their favorite sporting ground. An incident that happened to Mr. Kenney is recited:

The incident occurred during the civil war, and it was forcibly impressed upon Albert's mind by the force of circumstances. His friend and former schoolmate, Chas. Kenney was a soldier in the war and during a battle in which his company was engaged young Kenney was very badly wounded. He was sent back home, with small hope of his recovery. He arrived at a landing on the Illinois river, near what is now Valley City, and was in such condition that he was not able

to continue the trip home in the conveyances at hand and over the country roads. A stretcher was improvised and several stalwart friends of young Kenney, including Albert Bonnell came forward and offered to carry him to Griggsville, some three or four miles away. The undertaking was laborious and wearing, but it was accomplished and Kenney stood it so well that he was soon able to be about town. He remained a cripple, however, all his after life and suffered from the wound on the injured leg.

When Albert reached his teens and was a student in the Griggsville Academy he mapped out his future course. He decided to enter the mercantile field. In 1865 he finished his education and was ready for a position. He found one as salesman in a Griggsville store, an engagement he filled for a few years.

About the time Albert closed his schooling he became smitten on an attractive young lady of the town Miss Emma S. Weagley, daughter of the village hotel keeper, who conducted the noted hostelry of the section. Miss Weagley was a talented and popular maiden, the descendant of prominent eastern people, her father coming from sturdy Pennsylvania Scotch and Dutch stock, and her mother being a Hilliard, one of the old Maryland families. Her grandfather owned a plantation and several slaves. He felt that slavery was no right and before the war he released all his slaves. Her mother's birthplace was Hagarstown, Md.

The wedding of Albert Bonnell and Emma S. Weagley took place Christmas morning, 1872. It was a private affair and was held at the Weagley home, the family having retired from the hotel by that time and were occupying a private residence. The couple left soon after the wedding for Louisiana, Mo., where the groom took a position in a store. Their first born came in to the home at that place, Dec. 19, 1873. He was given the name of Herbert Weagley Bonnell.

From Louisiana, the family moved to Astoria, where Albert took a clerkship in the drug store operated by his brothers, Dr. W. W. and Joseph Bonnell. It was at that place the other children of the family were born -- Walter H. on April 28, 1876; Emma Mabell, Jan. 31, 1879, and Bessie C, Dec. 5, 1880.

Hubert Bonnell was married to Edna R. Burns at Chicago, Dec. 12, 1900. They have one son, John Brainard Bonnell, now engaged at corporation law at Los Angeles, Cal. The family home is at Elkhart, Ind., where Herbert is sales manager for the Godfrey Conveyor, Co.

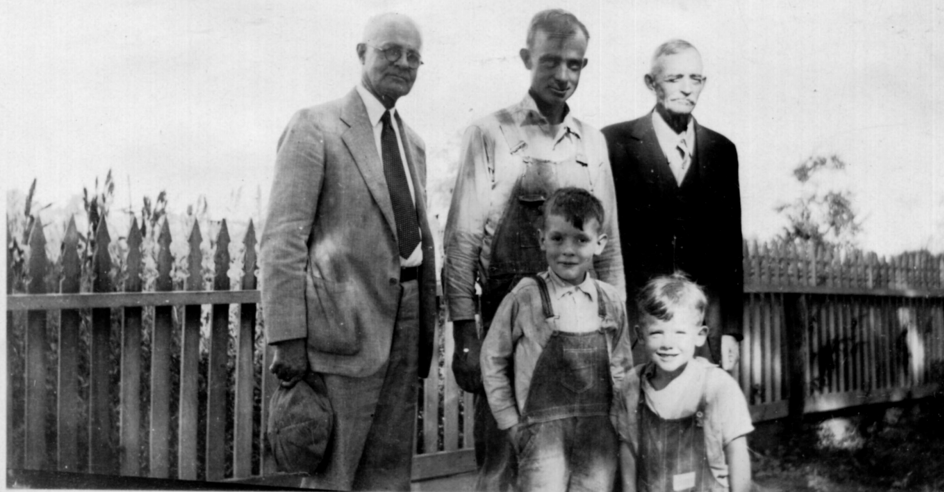
Walter H. Bonnell, single, resides at Chicago and holds the position of district sales manager for Wilson & Company, porkpackers.

Emma Mabell and Bessie C. Bonnell, are both single and look after the household duties at the home at Lake Bluff, Ill.

Albert Bonnell and family moved from Astoria to Chicago several years ago. He was for a few years in the automobile business with a company of that city and also had a position with the city telephone exchange. Of late years he has lived a retired life with the family at Lake Bluff. They spend their winters at Sarasota, Florida, and report some very pleasant times there while us northerners are shivering in the chilly blasts.

Albert is eighty-four years of age, but has not enjoyed the best of health the past year or two. The rest of the family are in their usual health.

Died Oct. 22, 1936



Clarence

Wayland

Charles Bonnell



Margaret Agness



Kate + Belle +
Margaret Alice



Margaret + her
Twin Dolls



Esther + Margaret
McVary

My first
Sunday School teacher



Mrs. Cleveland



Margaret Alice Bonnell



Elizabeth Bonnell



May Bonnell



Charlie Bonnell



Stella Bonnell



Stella



Charlie

ANN ELIZABETH AND LAURA BONNELL.

The personal records of our sisters Ann Elizabeth and Laura afford but a brief account of their short lives, and the members of the family at hand cannot give further light on the subject. It is known, however, that the first named child was born to Henry and Amelia Bonnell at Batavia, Ohio, July 13, 1847. She only lived about two years. Her death occurred at the family home in Batavia, July 3, 1849. This was the first death in the family. She was buried in the cemetery where the family then resided.

Laura Bonnell lived to the age of fourteen years, nine months and fourteen days. She was born Dec. 7, 1851, at Griggsville, Ill. That was soon after they located at that place, and she passed away in the same town after the return to Griggsville from their stay at the farm. The date of her death was Sept. 21, 1866. Her disease was typhoid fever. The remains lie in the cemetery at Griggsville beside the bodies of her parents.

Laura was a beautiful and prepossessing girl and her demise, the second in the family, was keenly felt by all.

Helen

Belle

Margaret Alice



Twins



Mother Bonnell and Daughters.

Helen

Margaret



Robbie & Bill.

HELEN BONNELL.

After a residence of fifty-six years in Barry, Illinois, community, Helen Bonnell Smith finds herself among a host of friends who are interested now as ever in her welfare. She is a welcome guest in many homes of the city. Her introduction to Barry was when she came in 1874 as an instructor in Grade Three of the public schools. She came as a temporary guest and remained to be a valuable contribution to the citizenship.

While Mrs. Smith's interest centered in her family and home, she has been active in religious, educational and social affairs. She has been a great reader and keeps well abreast of the times. Her doings of public note receive her attention. She is a woman of many good deeds.

The parents of Helen were Henry and Amelia Bonnell, both natives of Clermont county, Ohio. She was born Nov. 28, 1854, at Griggsville, Ill., where the family emigrated in 1850, and with the exception of the few years the family lived on the farm near New Salem, she spent her life in that city. Her education was obtained in the grade and high schools of that day, one branch of the schools being known as "the academy." There were no commencements in those days and no diplomas were issued. She passed the courses of study successfully and was awarded a reward of merit. Next she took the county examination and received a teachers' certificate from the county superintendent of schools. The first school she taught was in the Wilson district, in the country northeast of Griggsville. She next secured the Mound district school in Barry township, and in 1874 she was installed as instructor of Room #3, of Barry graded schools, under the superintendency of Prof. C. I. Swan. This position she held for five years with an excellent record.

On October 7, 1879, Helen was married to Eugene

Smith, a prominent and excellent business man of his city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Seymour of the Methodist church, at the Bonnell family home in Griggsville, several relatives from the two towns being present. Mr. Smith was for many years identified with the commercial interests of Barry, having started out as clerk for M. Blair & Co. early day merchants, in later years going with C. & S. Davis, general merchants and pork packers. When the Exchange Bank of Barry was organized in 1872, Mr. Smith was elected cashier, a position he held until the institution closed in 1905, the banking co-partnership personal having changed several times in the meantime. Mr. Smith was also a stockholder in Barry Milling Co. operators of a large flour mill and grain business, was a partner in the grocery firm of Crandall, Smith & Co., and had large real estate interests about his home town.

After retiring with the bank, Mr. Smith and family moved to their farm near town, where they resided a few years, then sold the farm and moved back to the city of Barry, where he lived a retired life until his decease, which occurred Aug. 21, 1926. The funeral was held at the Baptist church, in Barry, the ceremony being conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. Elmer Jones. He was laid to rest in Park Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were parents of one son, Stanley E. Smith, born Feb. 8, 1885. He was married to Eleonore Henke at Quincy, Ill., Oct. 16, 1923. They reside in that city, where Stanley holds a position with the Wabash Railway Company.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were for many years active members of the Baptist church, he holding the offices of deacon and church treasurer and she laboring in the Sunday school and church in all its branches. Mrs. Smith was superintendent of the primary department for some time, several years ago.

Mrs. Smith is not now in her usual robust health. Up to the summer of 1929 she had been particularly well, blessed with health, but at that time disease overtook her and she submitted to an operation to be relieved of it. She was in the hospital only one week and has since been steadily gaining in strength. We have strong hopes of her soon returning to her usual self. *Helen died at 6 a.m. Aug 1st / 1931*

Harvella



Frank



Bonnie



- d. 7-21-1969
Terra Haute,
Ind.



Lee & Margaret



Kate & Belle Bonnell



Kate and Belle Bonnell.

KATE AND BELL BONNELL--Twins.

There is something about twin girls of the same personality and who look alike, dress alike and act alike, that is attractive and appealing to most persons. This description fitted the cases of Kate and Belle Bonnell in their younger days. They were so much alike it was rarely the case that acquaintances could distinguish between them, and often they were enabled to practice deception on their young gentlemen callers. In numerous instances the twins found amusement in tricking fellows who asked them for engagements to parties or entertainments to learn later to their chagrin they had accompanied the wrong girl.

Born on the farm near New Salem, Jan. 13, 1859, a few years later the twins went with the family to Griggsville to reside. In that city they grew up and received their training and education. They always were popular with their class of young people and grew to be refined and christian women.

Kate and Belle graduated from the Griggsville high school, under the superintendancy of Prof. R. M. Hetch, with the class of 1878. Those were the days when graduates had to read essays of their own composition at the commencement exercises. Kate's essay was entitled "The Crusade Spirit," and Belle wrote on "Strive in Your Own Sphere to Shine." Both papers were pronounced "very good."

Soon after obtaining the goal in their education the paths of the twin sisters led in different directions.

Kate Bonnell was inclined to educational pursuits. She successfully passed the examination in Pike County, Illinois, and received her certificate to teach school. Her favorite was primary teaching. Her first school was at Chambersburg, Ill., after

which she successively taught at Meredosia, Ill., Wichita, Kan., Salt Lake City, Utah, and finally at Barry, and at each engagement her services were a pronounced success. Her reputation as a teacher was fully established.

The engagement at Salt Lake City was a strenuous one, and covered the years of the period in which the school management changed from the ~~Mormon~~ parochial schools to the Protestant public school system at the beginning of which most of the students had to begin at the bottom or primary department. Kate had as high as one hundred and fifty pupils under her direction at one time, instructing seventy-five of them in the forenoon and the balance in the afternoon. The consequence was that her health failed and she came to Barry to make her home with her sister Margaret and family. She partially recovered her health and was induced to accept the management of the primary work in the Barry public schools, a position she held two or three years.

During her residence in Barry she was elected to the superintendancy of the primary department of the M. E. Sunday school. She made several reforms in the teaching there and perfected the system materially. It was during her administration the cradle roll department was established, with Margaret Watson's name being the first enrolled. It is still in successful working order, and her successor was her sister Margaret, who still holds the office.

Kate died at the home of her sister Margaret in Barry, on Feb. 28, 1902. Her funeral, which was held in the M. E. Church, was conducted by Rev. W. M. Haley, and was attended by a large number of sympathetic friends. She lies in beautiful Park Lawn cemetery at Barry.

The course in life taken by Belle Bonnell was different from that of her twin sister. While she was well educated and had won her high school diploma, she did not care to take up teaching. She was more of a home body and she spent the first few years of her mature life in assisting her mother in her duties in the household. With the exception of her

sister Mary Jane (Jennie) she was the last daughter to leave the family home. In fact she was the last of the family to leave home with the exception of the one noted.

Her marriage to Hart F. Farwell took place at the home in Griggsville, Sept. 19, 1883. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. The newly wedstook up their residence at Astoria, Ill., at which place Mr. Farwell engaged in the hardware business. There the three children--Maro, Bonnie and Hubert-- were born. Maro's birthday was Sept. 12, 1884; Bonnie's Aug. 27, 1886, and Hubert's March 9, 1888. ^{4/10/1939}

After a few years the family removed to Bloomington, Ill., where Mr. Farwell entered the telephone field as a stockholder and manager of an independent exchange for some time. He became very active in telephone affairs, especially in the rivalry that obtained at that time between the Bell Telephone Company and the independents. He made quite a success of his labors, and as a result was tendered several promotions. He finally landed at Terre Haute, Ind., as manager of the city exchange, a position that he still holds, with splendid success. The family is well located there and is enjoying the fruits of a well spent life.

Hart F. has also attained prominence as a business man and a financier. Mrs. Belle, the wife, and the daughter Bonnie, who is single and remains at home, are greatly interested in church and social affairs and are held in high esteem in the city life. Miss Bonnie is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and does considerable traveling in the interest of that society. The family, in fact are all prominent and useful citizens and add to the standing of their adopted city.

Maro B. Farwell was married to Fern Wagoner Aug. 25, 1904, at Springfield, Ill., He is now a traveling man. The children are Hart F. Jr., who is now in the aviation work at the Canal Zone, and Sue, single, who is still at home. Both were born at Bloomington, Ill. Hart F. Jr., Dec. 8, 1905, and Sue on Aug. 28, 1909.

Hubert W. Farwell was married to Ruth Barnett at

Hubert Luke
L-11-18-1911

Paris, Ill., Jan. 11, 1911. The child that came into this home was Jean Louise, born Aug. 1, 1915.

Hubert took for his second wife Ruth Miller, and the wedding took place at Urbana, Ill., Nov. 8, 1921.

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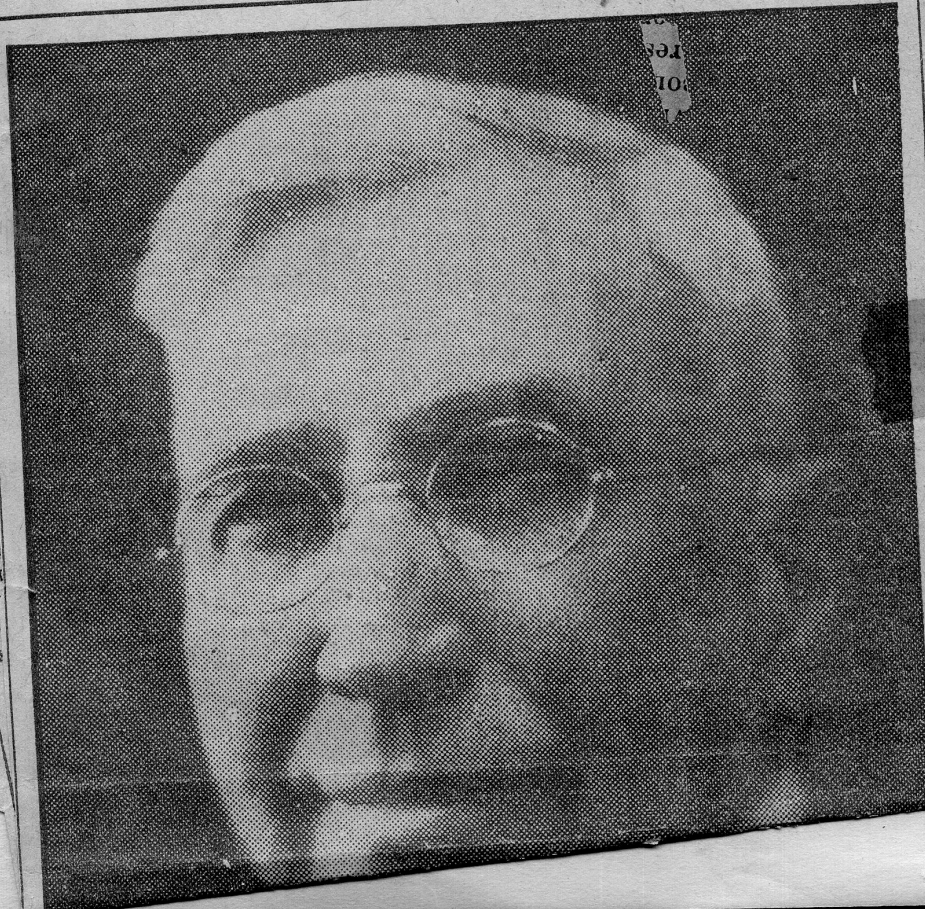
The love and affection for each other, often witnessed in twins was well exemplified in the lives of Kate and Belle. They were a most devoted couple. Through all the years of their childhood and girlhood to the close of their school days they were inseparable companions. The old saying, "Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one," was in them well demonstrated. It was a sorry day for Belle when Kate was taken away.

Kate died 1-24-1933

Belle died 12-5-1942

Local Telephone Executive Dies

1/24/1933



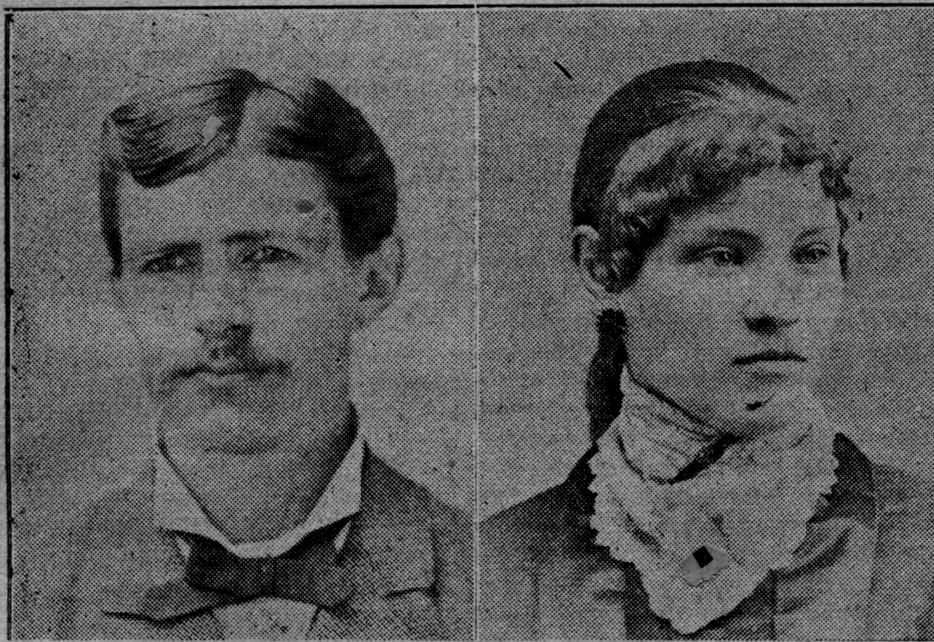


W. W. Watson



Margaret Alice Watson

1881



WM. W. WATSON

MARGARET ALICE BONNELL

Margaret Alice Bonnell Watson



1931

William Wendell Watson



MARGARET ALICE BONNELL.

(By Her Husband)

It is hardly to be expected that one who has assumed the compilation of this volume of personal sketches would wish to indite her own historical contribution to the book. For this reason the writer has presumed to relieve her of such embarrassment.

In the early days of her life, Margaret Alice Bonnell followed the lines of ordinary normal childhood. She was born in a log cabin home on the farm near the village of New Salem, Pike County, Illinois, and there was nurtured and cared for by loving parents and her elder sister. Her schooling began after the return of the family to Griggsville, a few years later. She was a good student and successfully passed the grades in regular course, and finally graduated from the high school with the class of 1880, under the superintendency of Prof. R. M. Hitch, two years after the graduation of her sisters, Kate and Belle.

Bereft of the father, Henry Bonnell, the shadow cast over the household, and especially on the youngest child, aged nine, was inexpressively sorrowful.

On Dec. 28, 1881, Miss Bonnell changed her name by becoming the bride of W. W. Watson of Barry, Ill. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. John A. Kumler of the Methodist church, at the home of the Bonnell family in Griggsville, in the presence of a large company of relatives and special friends of the couple. Soon after the wedding the bride and groom began their companionship at the home that had been prepared by the groom in Barry. The dwelling they occupied was a one story one and was situated on Lot One in Block Twenty-three in that place. It was an humble home, but well served its purpose. Next to the home stood the two story brick building that was occupied by the

Barry Weekly Adage, the town newspaper published by Mr. Watson.

Uniting with John H. Cobb about 1879, they two purchased from S. E. Colegrove the printing office. Cobb soon after leased his interest to his partner and returned to his old home in New York, and later he sold out to Mr. Watson, who conducted the paper and job printing office from that date until November, 1898, when he sold the office to Ed. Hess, of Quincy, Ill. Mr. Watson then gave his attention to the insurance and real estate business which he had operated as a side line. He took his son, B. B. Watson, as a partner and afterward turned over the entire business to him and retired from all commercial activities. The son is still in charge of the office.

Mrs. Margaret Watson familiarized herself with the mailing department of the newspaper and on press days gave valuable assistance to the force while the newspaper was under her husband's charge.

During the fore part of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Watson entered into the social life of Barry quite a little and Mrs. Watson became a favorite in the set with which we affiliated, as she had among her young friends in her old home town.

Mrs. Watson's religious training was well grounded and she took an active interest in church and Sunday school affairs from her advent into her new home, and this interest still clings to her. She has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Sunday school board for many years. All branches of church work have her sympathy and support as well as the Sunday school. In fact of late years she devotes her energy to religious affairs to the almost exclusion of everything else.

In the connection it is a pleasure to note two incidents that occurred last year, which afforded Mrs. Watson a great deal of personal satisfaction. These incidents related to the closing of her twenty-five years as superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school, her election to which took place in 1904 upon the death of her sister, Kate Bonnell, who also held the position for a few years. The first

The first took place on Children's Day, when at the close of the program Mrs. Watson was conducted to the rostrum, at the instance of one of her helpers, and was presented with a handsome corsage bouquet in recognition of her faithful and efficient services, having scarcely missed a Sunday in all those years. Then again on Sept. 1, 1929, a special service was held in her honor, at which some of her former pastors and a host of other church friends assembled. Tributes were paid to her without stint by her pastor, former pastors, and others, and she was then presented with a lovely silver flower bowl, the gift of her assistants and co-workers of the primary department. The service closed with a general hand-shaking and congratulatory greetings..She could well feel proud of the honors paid her at that time. Mrs. Watson is still engaged in the work, the school board refusing to accept her resignation.

A novel entertainment Mrs. Watson put on as means of raising a fund with which to purchase Christmas treats for the children of her department was a doll fair. This took place at her home before Christmas of 1929, and the amount of interest displayed was surprising. Dolls numbering 125 or more were sent in for exhibition, together with doll clothes, furniture, houses, etc. The exhibit lasted two days and was so well attended the fund desired was easily earned. All present pronounced the fair both interesting and very amusing.

When in 1923, our church board decided to make an effort to secure a new church, Mrs. Watson and her husband entered wholeheartedly into the movement and with their energy and means contributed largely to the success of the enterprise. The new church was built in 1923 at a cost of \$40,000. It was dedicated by Bishop Thomas Nicholson, Feb. 10, 1924.

Mrs. Watson delighted in entertaining her friends and friends of her husband. We have had the pleasure of having in our home many distinguished persons, as well as a host of lesser lights, all friends. Among the number have been governors, congressmen, judges, legislators, bishops, district superintendents, lecturers, preachers, attorneys, chautauqua talent of va-

rious kinds, and politicians of note. We always enjoy these visits. Our house has been open to Methodist preachers and Masonic friends all the years of our wedded life.

Anything in the way of decent and innocent amusements, such as chautauqua entertainments, concerts, dramatic plays, etc. have had our endorsement and patronage. The chautauqua has received our special approval as we assisted in its organization and have been enthusiastic supporters all of the eighteen years of its existence. It has been the means of improving the sentiment of our community educationally and socially and has really done much good in that way.

Mrs. Watson and her husband have had the pleasure of several very interesting travels, such as steamboat trips to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., rail excursions to Colorado and California, where at Long Beach in the last named state we spent part of two winters in 1927-28. We also visited relatives and friends at Chicago, St. Louis, Terre Haute, Wichita, Topeka, and other cities, and she visited friends in Texas, and often spends the day with old friends at Griggsville.

With the exception of Mrs. Watson, members of the family have enjoyed good health. She has not been in vigorous health for some years, but has kept up and going and makes the best of life. Her sister Helen is just across the way from our home and they have daily visits.

Margaret Alice Bonnell, daughter of Henry and Amelia Bonnell, was born Sept. 29, 1861. Her parents were both natives of Clermont county, Ohio, where the father was born Oct. 27, 1809, and the mother was born on July 22, 1814. They with the older children who were also born in Ohio, emigrated to Illinois in 1850 and located at Griggsville. Henry Bonnell died there in 1870, and Amelia Bonnell died at Astoria in 1896. Both were buried in the Griggsville cemetery. Other information of the family is to be found on other pages of this volume.

Wm. W. Watson's parents were natives of Paisley, Scotland, and emigrated to America, the father in 1842 and the mother about 1846 or 1847. They were married at Quincy, Ill., in 1850, locating soon after at Barry

Children in the family were Mary A. Watson, daughter of Jon Watson by a former wife, and Thomas M., Jon B. and Wm. W. Watson. Jon Watson was a pioneer in trade.

To the union of Margaret A. and Wm. W. Watson two children were born, Bret B. Watson, born Dec. 25, 1883, and Margaret A. Watson, born March 1, 1899. Both were born in Barry. Bret B. was married to Bessie M. Palmer at her home at Henrietta, Texas, May 26, 1914. Their children are Wm. W. Watson, ~~II~~, and Roberta P. Watson. Wm. W. was born Feb. 20, 1915, and Roberta Sept. 4, 1917. (*See back of book*)

Margaret Agness Watson was united in marriage with Russell S. Cooke Feb. 3, 1930, by Rev. W. M. Hailey, at the Methodist parsonage at Ashland, Ill. They reside at Springfield, Ill., where Mr. Cooke has a position in the office of the State Highway Department.

William W. Watson has had quite a varied experience in business and public life. He has served as mayor of his city, alderman, president of the school board, and city clerk. He is a republican in politics and has taken part in every campaign since 1880; was a delegate to the National convention of 1912, alternate to the convention of 1888, delegate to state and county conventions many times. Was trustee of the Illinois institution for the deaf and dumb for nine years. He is a Mason and was district deputy grand master for several years, and held other offices in the grand lodge; was worshipful master of Barry lodge for nine years, and held other offices there. In a business way he was publisher of the Barry Weekly Adage for 18 years, was in partnership with his brother, Jon B. Watson in the hardware trade for twenty years, and conducted an insurance and real estate business. He retired from these enterprises several years ago, but continued as notary public and does business in that line.

Bret B. Watson is in the insurance business. He has for several years been secretary and a member of the school board, and also secretary of the chautauqua. He is of a literary turn and is correspondent of two or three daily newspapers.

Margaret Agness Watson, after graduating from the Barry high school and Illinois Womans College took up teaching for a profession. She taught three years in the Albany (Wis.) high school, and has just finished four years as a member of the faculty of the Jackson-

ville, Ill., high school. She found much pleasure in travel during her vacations.

We observed our fortieth wedding anniversary in 1921, with a party of friends at dinner, and hope to celebrate our golden wedding in December, 1931.

2 - 4 - 5 - 1937 Barry, Ill.



Pictures of Margaret Alice Watson



Bent

FAMILY REUNIONS AND OUTINGS.

How one does appreciate the family reunions and their social features and the splendid meals. How we like to recall and recount the incidents and experiences of our childhood, and throughout life.

And then the visits to the old home town; how we enjoy them; what pleasures we receive from once again viewing the old home with its familiar scenes, the old school house where we first learned the rudiments of our education, and the old church where we learned to worship, and to meet and greet friends of other days.

Living life over again brings back many happy memories, and often pains and sorrows in the recollection of faces and forms now so sadly missing.

The Bonnell homestead was the scene of many a joyful gathering in its day, when all the females of the family were all at home. Many were the good times they enjoyed. The male portion of the family were older and were of a different period. They were married and had homes of their own long before their sisters came into womanhood, and entered upon life's activities. It was not often they were privileged to visit the parental home after entering upon the cares and responsibilities of professional or business engagements.

We are reminded of a recent reunion of some members and other descendants of the family. It took place at Barry in August, 1927, and the hostesses were Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Margaret A. Watson. The company included in addition to the entertainers, Mrs. Belle Farwell and her husband and daughter, Bonnie; of Tereee Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Elizabeth Burleigh, Topeka, Kan.; Prof. T. C. Bonnell and his wife, Harrisburg, Ill.; Miss Frances Bonnell, Owanecca, Ill., M. W. Watson and son Bret B. Watson and wife and two children, and Mrs. Emma Barringer, a friend of the family, also of Barry.

Albert Bonnell and family expected to be present but could not come on account of illness, and Rev. J. G. Bonnell, aged 85, was frail and unable to be there. The events covered two or three days and to say they were happy hours expresses it but mildly.

One day was set apart for a visit to the city of Griggsville, the old home of the Bonnell family. The party was composed of all the guests and the hostesses of the days before at Barry. A lovely auto ride of less than an hour took the party to the objective point, where the town was thoroughly reviewed; the old homestead was visited, and an early call was made to the cemetery where lie the remains of parents and other relatives; then to the church and the school buildings, and many other scenes that were familiar, but changed. Old friends were looked up and greeted, and altogether the day was a most interesting one.

A feature of the afternoon was a reception and social tendered the ladies of the group, by an old friend and neighbor of the family, Mrs. Anns Parker Farrand. A company of friends had been called in to meet the visitors, and a luncheon was served. It was a charming event and was the culmination of a wonderful days experience. The guests who were honored entertain fond recollections of the delightful occasion.

On a day about a year later than the date mentioned above, another interesting and appreciated event occurred to nearly the same persons, with the additions of Albert Bonnell and wife and daughters Mabel and Bessie, and Mrs. Martha Sanford and daughters, Mrs. Smith and Nellie Sanford, of New London, Mo. The same scenes were visited and the same route was gone over, and many old friends were visited and enjoyed. On this visit to Griggsville a most happy incident was experienced, to the gratification of all the members of the Bonnell, especially.

The visitors were tendered the privilege of dining on the grounds of the old homestead and under

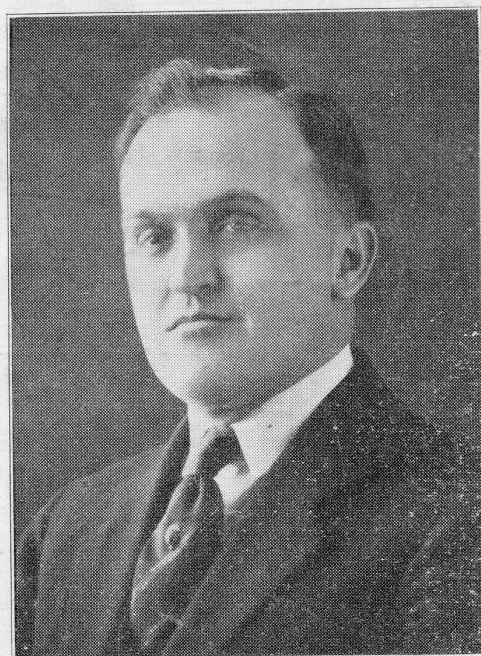
the massive old elm tree that has so long ornamented the grounds, and whose protecting branches had sheltered the children from the heat of many a summers day.

The reunions and outings of the family will continue fewer and fewer still as the days and months come and go. All the members are now well along in years, and some are incapacitated by senility, and poor health. The beautiful memories of happy days remain with them, and will until the end. We should be thankful for the generous favors that have been bestowed upon us, and we are, no doubt.



Watson Home - Barry, Ill.





HOMER H. WALTMIRE
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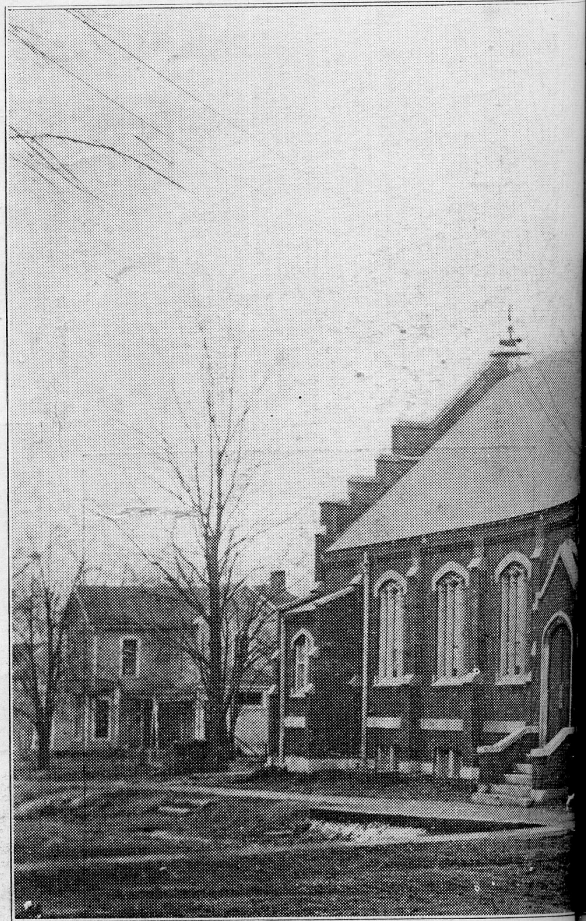
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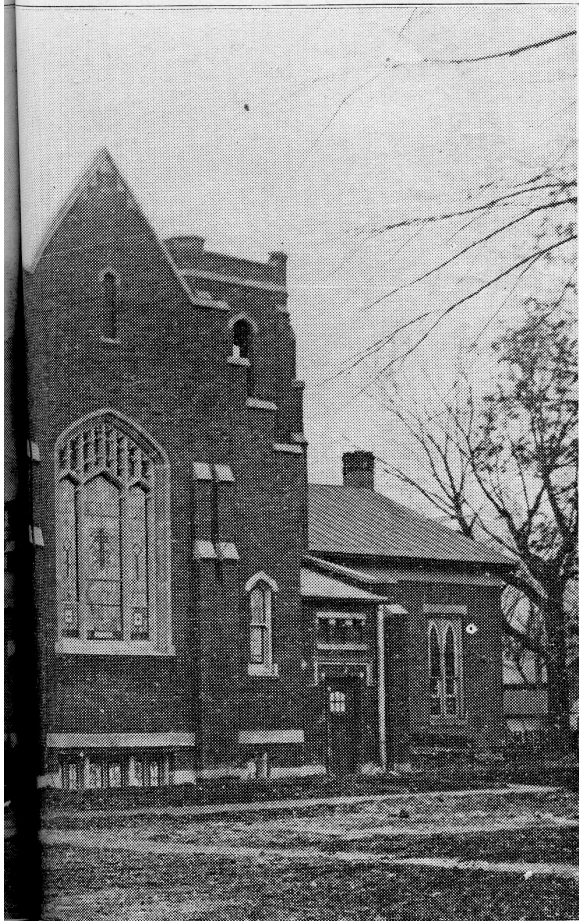
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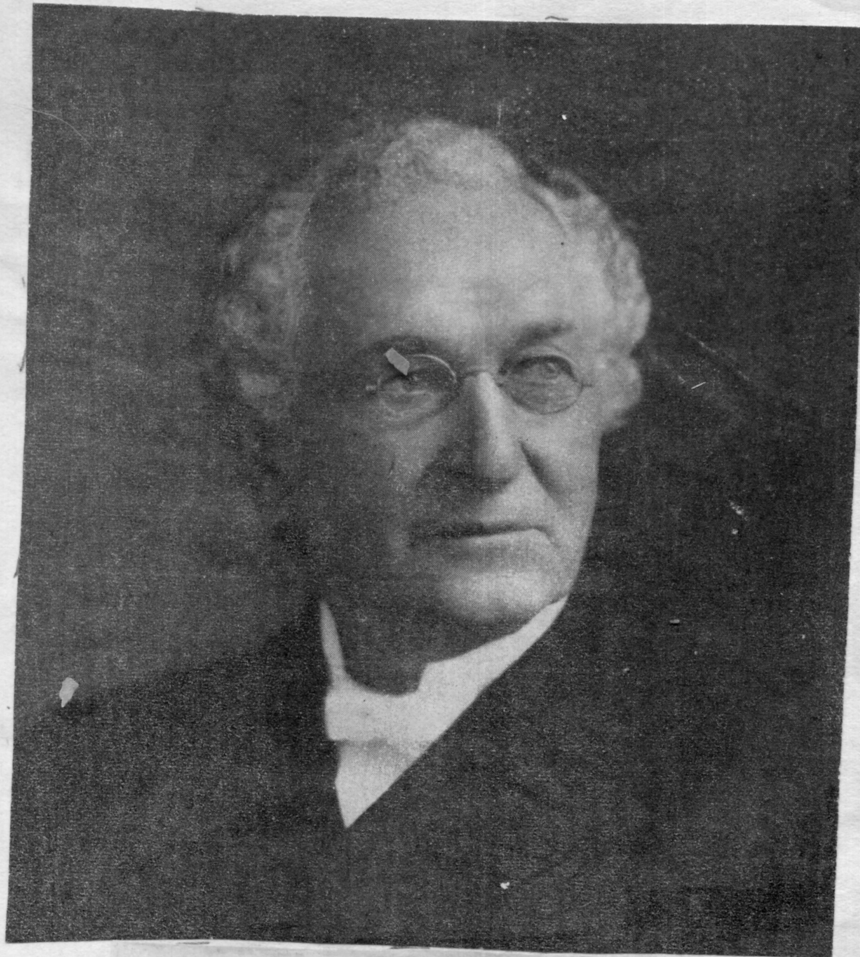
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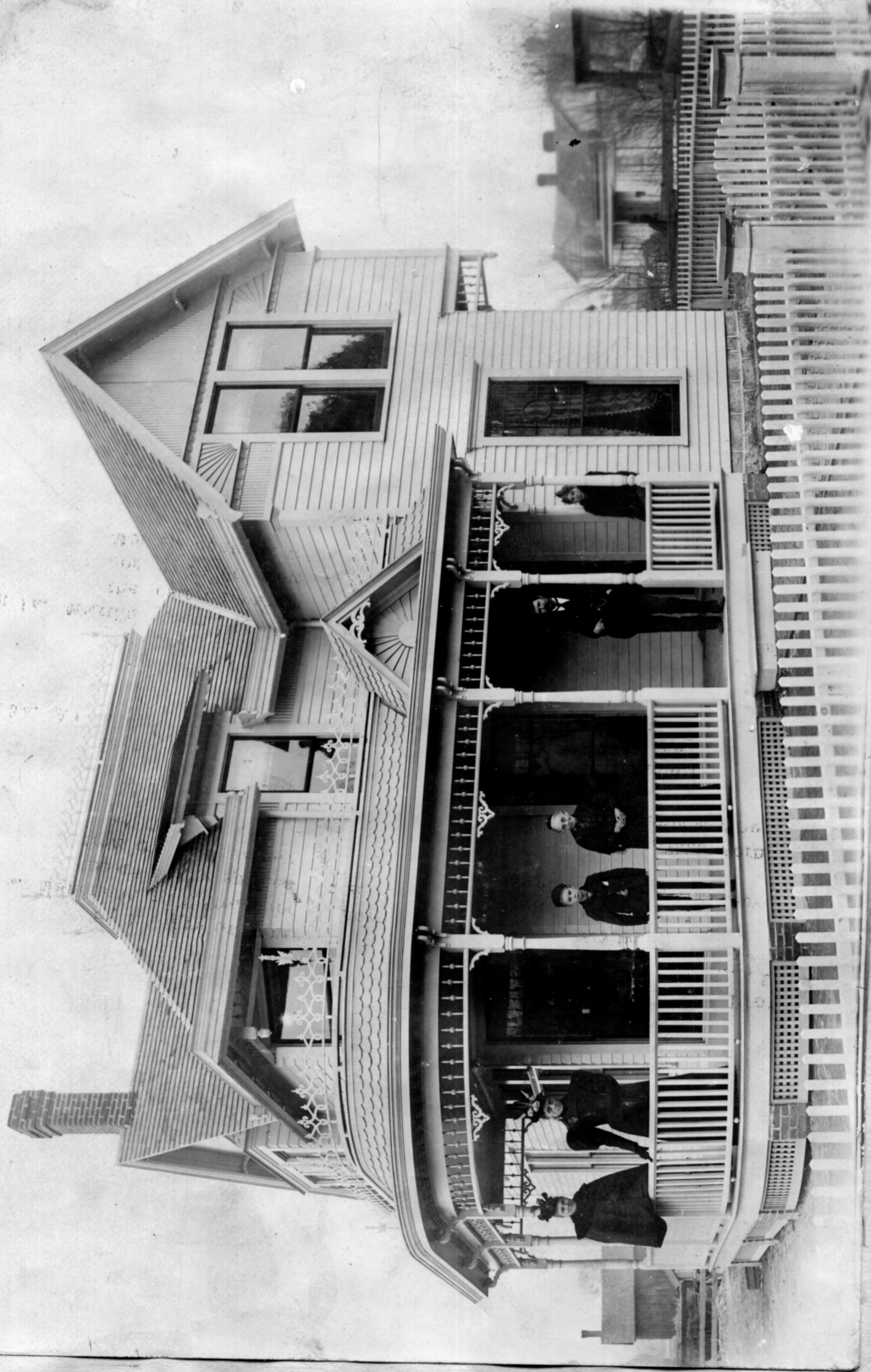
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Dining room - Watson Home



Bed room



Living Room



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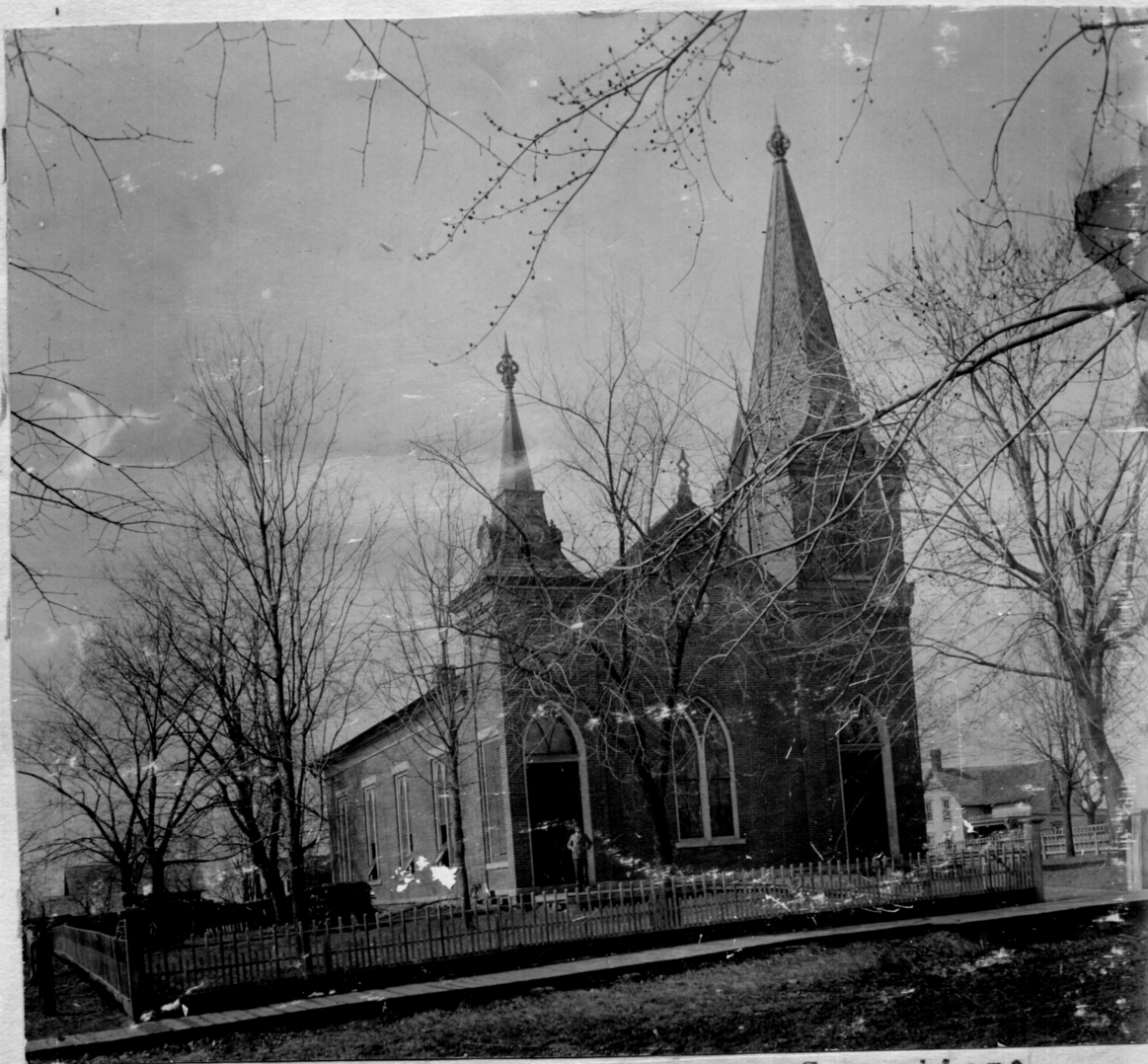




Church of The Little Flowers.
Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale Calif.
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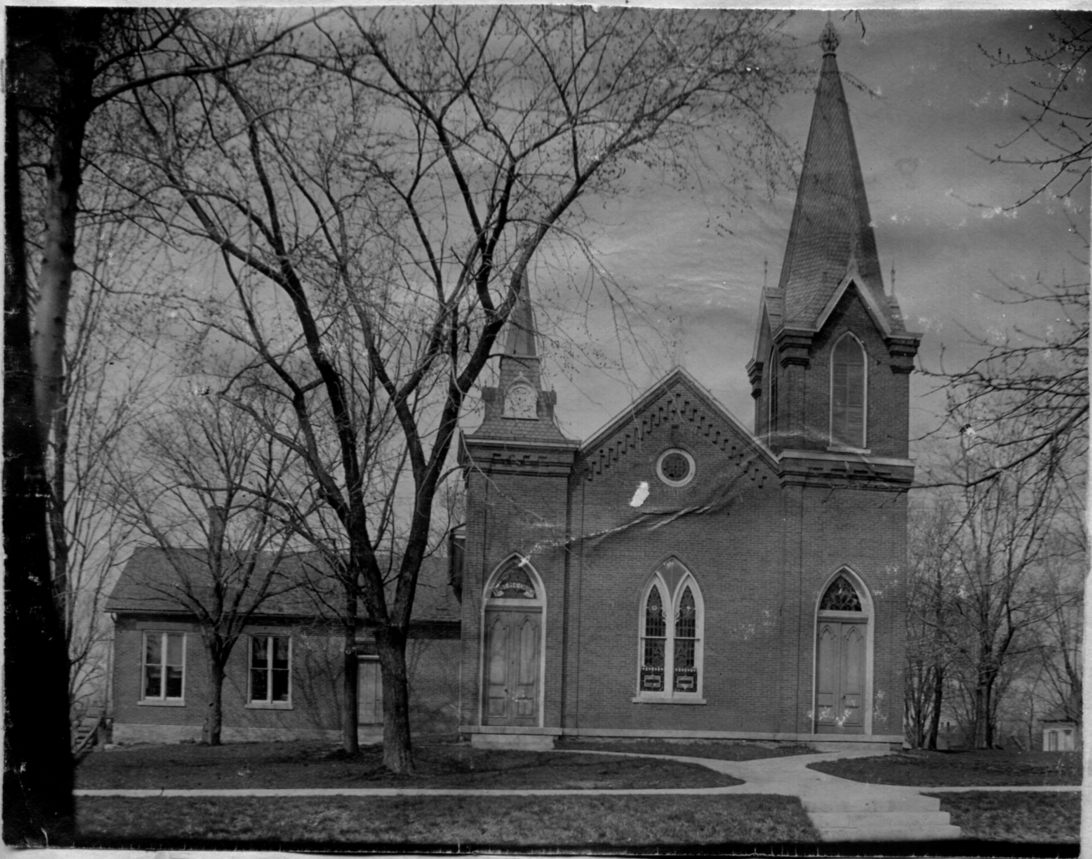
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Barry M. E. Church of the Seventies.



Barry M. E. Church Remodeled 1923.



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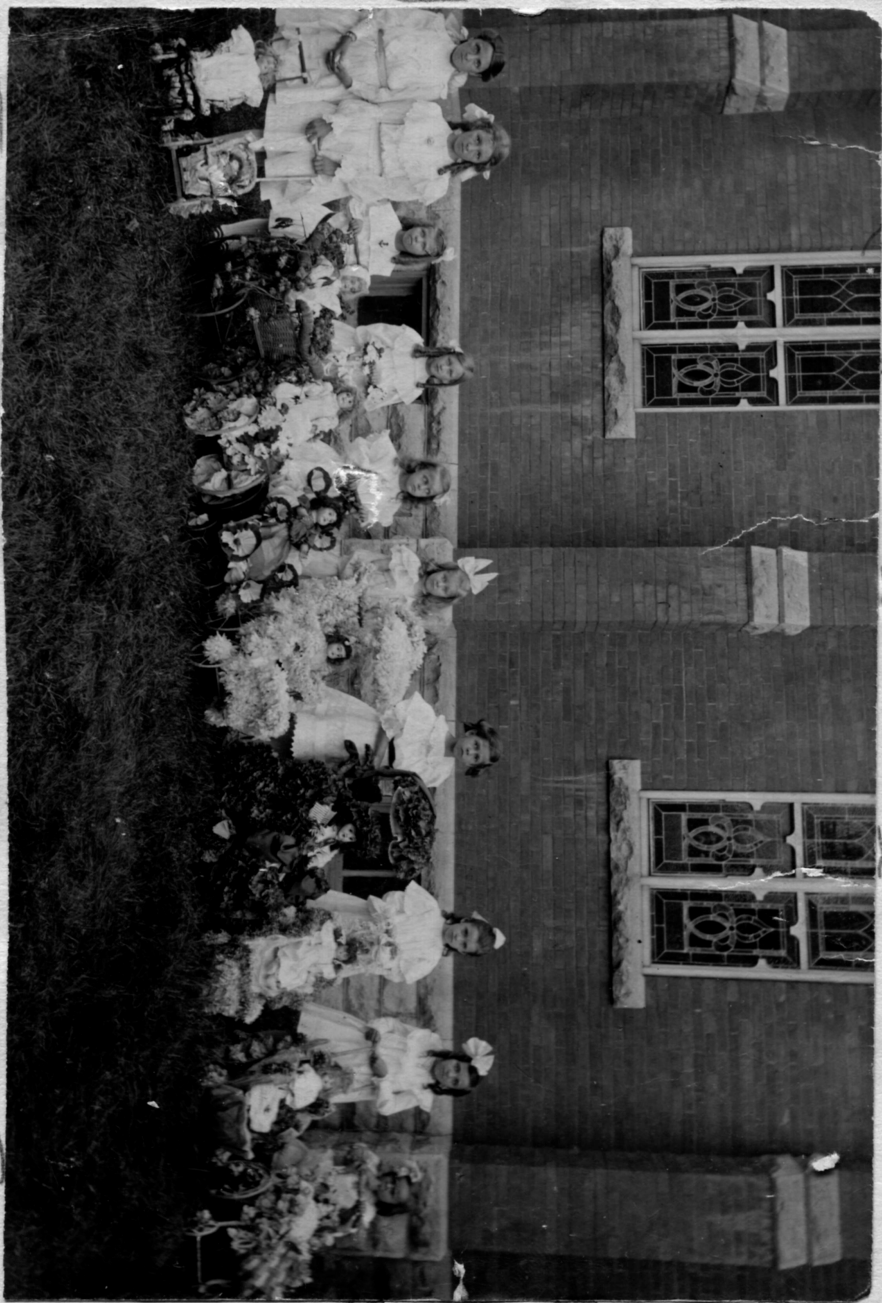
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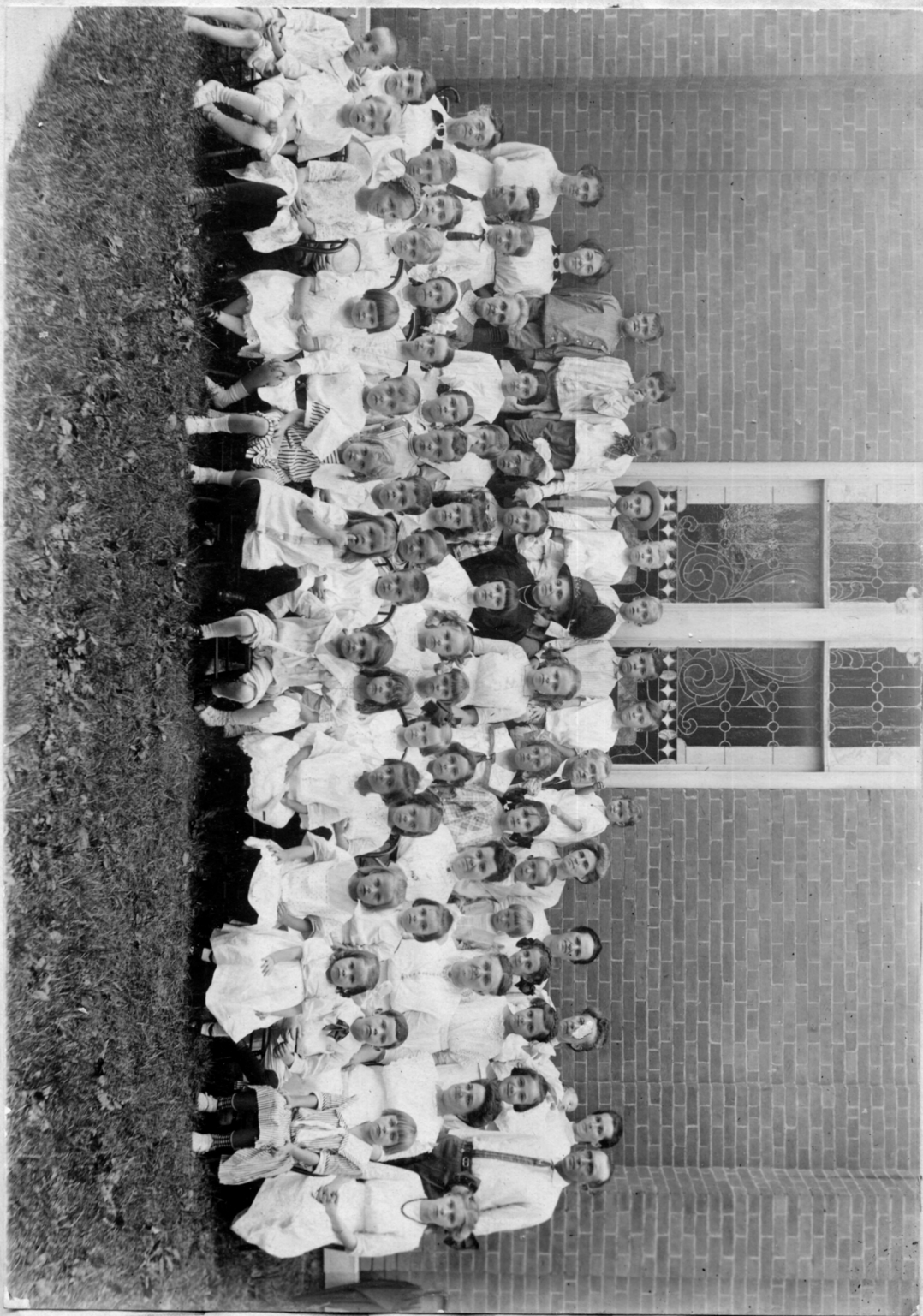


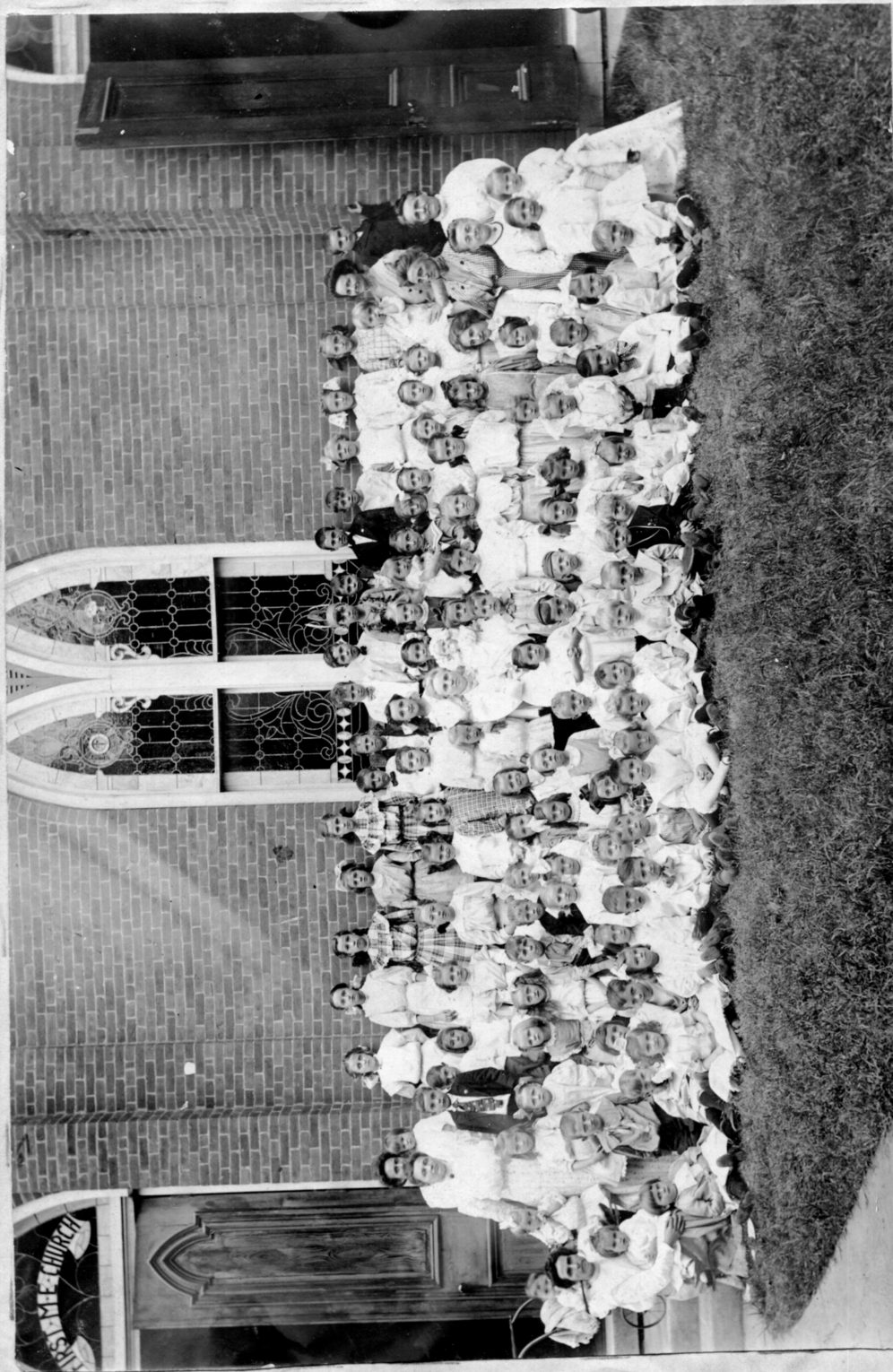
Mrs. W. W. Watson a Doll Show
(Margarita Agass' dolls)



Mrs. Tucker Mrs. Jackson









W. W. Watson



Margaret Mrs. Watson



THE CELEBRATED BUCKINGHAM ESTATE.

The Henry Bonnell family, like many another in America of English descent, had in their time a tradition to ponder over. It was known as the Buckingham Estate matter. As the story went, an aged Englishman before his death placed with the Bank of England a large amount of wealth, in entailment of otherwise, to be distributed among certain of his heirs and under certain conditions. The case was given wide publicity in our country through the action of London attorneys in conjunction with attorneys in the United States.

Agitation of the matter became general among the Buckinghams of America, who in many cases were led to believe there was a fortune in store for them.

The interest of the Bonnell family in the case came through the fact that Henry Bonnell's mother was of a family of English descent, and was possibly a direct heir to a portion of the vast estate. The older members of the family, and especially our brother Joseph became greatly enthused over the matter and gave it considerable attention, and would have, perhaps, invested some cash in attorney fees if circumstances had permitted. As one member of the family expressed it, "Joe traced the Bonnell family from the roots to the top branch at the time he was hunting that fortune."

Unfortunately the case was finally decided to be a myth, as most of such cases are, and thus was agitation dissipated and the bubble burst.



Minnie Lashury



Anna Farnand



OBJECTS OF INTEREST ABOUT GRIGGSVILLE.

There are a few interesting places about Griggsville that have always had an attraction for the citizens of the place, especially for the younger generations.

One of the most familiar spots to all youngsters is known as "The Falls." It is a beautiful little water fall that is located about midway between Valley City and Griggsville, and is on the north side of the Wabash railway, in plain view of travelers along that line. How we youngsters did enjoy going there. There were no autos in those days, and we found walking good in the absence of other means of travel. It was our chief delight to take our lunch and meander down to the Falls for a picnic. The same thing had been practiced by young people for years before our time, and I presume it is still the practice of the girls and boys of this age. I can never resist casting my eyes towards the little falls when passing on the Wabash railway at that point, and always find a seat on the right side of the coach if possible so I can receive a good view of them as the water gently flows over the rocky ledge. To me it is a lovely and cherished spot and the good times we had there linger in my memory.

Another attractive object is "Mossy Mountain," a hill located in Griggsville vicinity that is covered with moss and is an interesting object to look upon in the spring and summer time, especially. People went there by the score and looked moss covered sides, admired the freak of nature and found much pleasure. I have often wondered if "Mossy Mountain" still holds forth in the splendor of other days.

Perry Springs was a noted health resort in its day.

They were located about six or eight miles from our home and we girls occasionally had the pleasure of a trip there. The place consisted of a large hotel, and several springs of supposed health healing qualities. There were beautiful flower beds and other attractive surroundings that made the place very inviting and it was largely patronaged in its day. Many of its visitors were persons in ill health, and they all seemed to believe in the curative powers of the waters. Young people of the surrounding country would gather there for social affairs and dancing, and to them it was a very popular resort. We girls always thought well of Perry Springs, although we did not have the privilege of participating in the amusements that others did.

The large hotel was dismantled and removed years ago, and the once nationally known place is now but a memory.



Bobby Watson

Bonnells



Mary Elizabeth.



Margaret Alice.



Belle.



Kate.

Stanley Smith



Mara Farwell

Bert Watson

Billy Watson and the Grout Boys.
Bust



Edgar Parker and Grand Children,





Jocelyn & Wendolyn
Watson

Margaret Watson

OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS.

We always feel like complimenting ourselves on the neighbors with which we were surrounded. Our house was at "The foot of the Hill" on the east side of Griggsville. Across the street north of us resided Edward Parker and family consisting of father, mother, Fred, Tom, Lew and Anna. Our father having passed away when we were young girls leaving us without much of this world's goods. Neighbor Edward Parker saw to it that we girls had many pleasures, such as trips to his farm, bob sled rides to the Illinois river and on the river, and one day at least every year he took us to the Pike County Fair held at Pittsfield, which to us was quite an event.

After our father's death, when I was only nine years old, Mr. and Mrs. Parker wanted to take me to live with them, but my mother refused. I was glad for we always had such good times at home.

In the course of time Mrs. Parker passed away and Anna spent a good deal of time with us. While I was only a young girl, Mr. Parker would give me the money to buy a new dress for her, and have me see about having it made.

Anna would go out in her front yard and call over to me and say, "Tell you ma if you can't come over." She in after years married Fred Farrand and now is living in Griggsville, where I often visit her and we enjoy talking over old times. On a snowy day last winter our door bell rang and when I answered it, there to my surprise stood Anna Parker Farrand. How we did visit for the short time she had to stay.

On the east of us lived the family of George Pratt, which consisted of father, mother, Minnie, Charley and Fay. I was a little older than Minnie, but that did not keep us from having many good times together, playing dolls, etc. I remember one time when we buried our little dolls in a sawdust pile in a corner of our yard, and Charlie would persist in digg-

ing them up, which displeased us very much, just like a boy to tease the girls. Mrs. Pratt gave me the first paper of needles I ever had and when I took them to my mother to put away for me I said, "Now, I can have a needle whenever I want one, can't I?" Another event in my young life was when Mrs. Pratt wanted a good cake baked she asked me to bake it. As she had a hired girl at the time I felt quite set up over it. Minnie married Twin Lasbury and they live in Griggsville. She has been very kind to me, giving me a standing invitation to come right to her home whenever there was anything there that I wanted to attend, but she always sends me a special invitation when there is anything special going on that she thinks I would appreciate attending.

I do not remember so much about the neighbors on the west. Their names were Davidson, and I have the impression there were two girls in the family. I remember I traded one of them something for a small compass, which I have kept all these years. One of the girls was at our home one evening and wanted me to go home with her and stay all night. I went, but had not been there long before I concluded I wanted to go back home. When they asked me why I wanted to leave I told them I wanted "to sleep with Helen."

Next to the Davidsons lived old Mr. and Mrs. Parker on the corner, and whenever we girls were allowed to go "a piece" with any of our friends it was always with the understanding we could go "just as far as the Parker corner and no farther."

Just around the corner south of this corner lived uncle and auntie Cover. They were life-long friends of our family--had been when they all lived back in Ohio.

MEMORIES.

When we commenced talking about compiling the book I began thinking about old times, and decided that I wished to note some things I remembered of our youthful days. In this day and age it seems almost impossible for a family as large as ours to live together happily and have so good a time as we did, with as little of this world's goods as we had. We knew nothing but economy, and that has stayed with us all these years. I only remember of one really new dress that I had up to the time I was married, that dress was one my brother Albert gave to me. When I was married I had two new ones for the occasion. I made no fuss about it but went with the other young people of my age just as though I had as many clothes as the rest of them and I had just as good a time as anybody. The twins being just a little older than I and they always dressed alike could not make any use of the "hand-me-downs" as there would be no two alike. In after years I took great pleasure in making things over for our daughter Margaret Agness, until one day Mrs. Doyle, a close neighbor of ours said to me she thought it was high time Margaret was having a new dress; that a sale was on up town, and urged me to go and get her one. I did accept her suggestion and purchased a rose colored crepe de chien pattern which she wore to brother Doc's golden wedding anniversary.

Now, back to my Memories. First thing I remember was after we had moved into a house in the extreme west part of Griggsville, not far from the cemetery. It had an outside west door and I would sit on the door step and watch Seph Simmons ride by on a white horse. The next thing I remember was my going with my mother across the town and passed a deep ditch which we called a big gully, on our way to a house in the extreme east part of town, where we lived for

many years. There was a large front yard with two big white cherry trees in it. I have always been fond of white cherries. In after years when I was visiting my sister Helen in Barry, her husband, Eugene Smith, brought us a basket of nice white cherries and told us to eat our fill, which we did, and I have never forgotten the incident.

There was a pasture back of our barn in which we used to play. That was where I mashed my nose playing leap frog. I tried hard to keep the folks from knowing of my accident, but did not succeed, as on a Monday morning when they were sorting the clothes to wash my bloody handkerchief had to be accounted for. We used to play house in a buggy that was in a shed by the barn. I went to visit some one in the buggy and did not stay very long. They insisted on me staying longer, but I said no I was "so homely," meaning I thought so much of my home. They never got through teasing me about being so "homely."

We had a row of bee hives east of the house and it was the job of the twins and myself to watch the bees when they swarmed and locate their lighting place. One day we were playing in the yard when sister Kate slipped up to a bee hive and pounded on it and then ran away. The bees came out and stung all of us but her. Brother "Doc" was the oldest member of the family and I was the youngest. He was married and had a baby six months old when I was born. Elizabeth and I grew up together and have always been just like sisters. It was often said by the Griggsville people that there was two pairs of twins in the Bonnell family, Kate and Belle and Elizabeth and I. Elizabeth started to school the same day I did and she would go home with me one day and I would go home with her the next. We kept up that habit as long as they lived in Griggsville. Her mother used to tell it on us that as soon as we would get in her front door we would ask her if she had mashed potatoes and gravy for dinner. They lived in the extreme western part of town and we lived in the extreme eastern part. When we were going to each other's house to play, if she had gotten over the brow of the hill on my side and we had met each other, we would go back to my home, but if I got over the hill on the other side we would go to her house. We had the nice

great big trees with wonderful seats in our yard. Kate, Belle, Elizabeth and I had little baskets and little china headed dolls with dresses, which we kept in the baskets. Elizabeth was very fond of coming over and playing with us, and we would each have a tree for our home, and we would visit each other. One time Elizabeth had teased so much to come over that they finally said she could come and stay as long as she wanted to. When she arrived with that message we were delighted. She stayed two or three days and we had such good times. Her father came over and asked her if she wasn't ready to go home. She said no, so he went back home and left her. But after we had gone to bed that night she decided she wanted to go home. Our father had a harness shop and one of the men who worked in the shop and boarded at our house, so he took her to her home. He was the one that gave the twins their little baskets on one of their birthdays. I felt so badly because I did not have one, too, but mother said "never mind little girl the first time we go to town I will get you one." I can remember yet of us going to Brother Doc's drug store and seeing the baskets on the shelf. I have mine yet, with the doll and its dresses, a needle book I made, a little bucket and a few trinkets. The basket is one of my highly prized antiques. I have a reward of merit that I received in the first grade and which is signed by Ellen Weagley, which I have kept in the little basket, but have now transferred to the Bonnell family history.

Elizabeth remembers when we were in the first grade in schools and we had short hair. One night we rolled our hair on tins (then we had no other way of curling our hair) and went to school with it next morning so kinky they called us "white niggers."

I remember when in the second grade one noon when I had been home with Elizabeth we had found something (I cannot remember what) to paint our cheeks with and when we went to school the teacher sent us out doors to wash our faces in the snow. What a busy time people would have nowadays washing off the rouge. While in that grade Elizabeth's father and mother and my mother went back to Ohio on a visit, which was quite an event in the family. Brother Joe came to the school for us to go and tell them good bye as they were starting ear-

lier than they expected to. On their return they brought me a large wax doll which was sent to me by my aunt Margaret and aunt Alice, for whom I was named. I still have the doll. Imagine what a wax doll looks like at 61 years of age. It was on display at our doll show that was held in my home last December and it caused much comment.

In the third grade Miss Emily Cotton was our teacher and we dearly loved her. She was my teacher again later on in a higher grade, which pleased me very much. It was in this grade that we learned the song that is printed in another part of this chapter. I have remembered the song all these years; sang it to my children and then to my grandchildren. We are now teaching it to the children in our primary department. I don't remember a song they have learned so easily and seem to enjoy so much. One of my helpers asked me why I had not taught it to them long ago. I replied that I did not have the notes to the song, but had conceived the idea of fitting the words to another song which we did very easily.

I do not remember much about my school life after the third grade, as about the time Elizabeth and her parents and sister May moved to Clayton. I remember visiting them with my sister Jennie and of getting two fingers mashed in a window and Elizabeth ran down to town (there were no telephones then) for her father who was a doctor.

In the grammar school I had a teacher whom I was very fond of, an out of town lady, Miss Leyda Abell, who boarded with Mrs. Cleveland, my first Sunday school teacher, she having had charge of the infant class for forty years. I have the picture of the old Methodist church in this book. It was in this church where I got my start in my religious life and I am glad to have it.

Mrs. Cleveland is ahead of me on records as I am only six months past twenty-five years in service in the same work.

I had four years in the high school with Prof. Hitt as principal and Miss Abbie Hatch, assistant. She and I were more to each other than just teacher and pupil. At the time of my marriage she presented me with a gold thimble, which was not as common in those days as now.

I still have the thimble and have always been quite proud of it.

While in the high school I took part in the play, Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters. My name was "Dilly." Putting on a play in the high school was not so common then as now. A boy named Arthur Bentley sat right back of me at one time and took great pleasure in wiping his pen on my hair. As we wore our hair then in a braid down our backs, my hair being very golden, the pen marks showed quite plainly.

I have a blue report card which was issued to me by the Griggsville high school Feb. 1st, 1879, blue denoting excellent. Other things I could write. I finished my school life when I graduated May 7th, 1880. I wore a white dress with a long trail, the only one I ever had. In those days the graduates were presented with bouquets by their friends instead of presents. The ushers would come forward with the flowers and place them at the platform at our feet. I well remember how one of my bouquets looked, the one that my boy friend from Barry had brought over with him. I was united in marriage with him Dec. 28th, 1881. That shows why I was not a school teacher like several other members of the family, but have put in many years teaching in the Sunday school, as I had a class of young men in the main department before I took up the primary work.

I should have finished my chapter with my school life, but have since thought of some other things that I wanted to relate. When we were quite small we had Sunday school concerts once a month. At one of them when we were kneeling in prayer a little boy next to me whispered to me and said "when we get big I am going to marry you." On our way home I was telling some of the family about it and said, "I just thought to myself I would not have him."

One time when Kate and Belle were going away on the train on a visit, when they had gotten about as far as Parker's corner it dawned on mother that she had forgotten to give them a dose of medicine to keep them well while they were gone, and sent me running after them with the medicine. Many a laugh have we had over that.

The most exciting experience of my married life in Barry occurred on the morning of March 30, 1894. That was the date of the conflagration that swept away a large part of four blocks in our town. We lived in the block where the fire started and lost our dwelling and part of our furniture and the printing office and contents, nearly our sole possessions at that time. For a while it looked like the flames would envelop the town and the excitement was intense. The best part of it was that we finally emerged from our ill luck with a new and better residence, as well as a better and more commodious office building and newspaper equipment. The same effect took place over the entire burned district. The fire was indeed "a blessing in disguise."

One of the greatest surprises of my life came to me one morning in November, 1926. When we were doing up the morning work Will coolly informed me we were going to California as soon as we could get off after Christmas. It was the first inkling I had had of it and I almost fainted. We called it our honey moon trip as we had not taken one when we were married, and we sure had the time of our lives, everything out there being so different to us. We stopped with our old and good friend, Mrs. Anna Chamberlin, and having many other friends there at Long Beach, all seemed to vie with each other in making us have a good time, taking us to numerous wonderful trips and entertaining us in many ways. We made new friends whom we will never forget. Again in November, 1927, I had as great a surprise when Will told me we were going again. That winter we found an apartment within three blocks of our friend Mrs. Chamberlin. We did not think it would be possible to have as good a time again the second winter, but we did have and we all are hoping we can go again some time.

WORDS OF AN OLD SONG RECENTLY REVIVED.

If the boys and girls will listen,
I will tell them in my song,
Of a sad thing that I noticed,
As to school I came along.
 'Twas a fight; 'twas a fight;
 'Twas a fight.

'Twas between two little children,
Who had fallen out in play,
And, alas, they beat each other,
In a rude and angry way.
 That was wrong; that was wrong;
 That was wrong.

And along the streets came singing,
Such a merry little lad;
But his voice soon ceased its singing,
And his happy face grew sad.
 At the sight; at the sight;
 At the sight.

And he parted them so gently,
And he begged them so to cease,
That they twined their arms together,
And all went to school in peace.
 That was right; that was right;
 That was right.



old friends

Stanley Smith



Marc Farnell Bret Watson
cousins



Helen Smith Eliza Burdick Mary Watson Emma Bannings



Mary Watson Co Washington Co 1922



Betty Watson



Emma Smith Helen Bannell Smith Rogers Smith Eleanor Smith Stanley Smith



W. W. Watsons
California 1926-27



Three old friends



California





Margaret Watson



W. W. & Marg. Watson
in Calif.



147 The Hotel. Elevation 4700 Feet

Alexander's Studio, Camp Baldy, Calif.

Kate & Belle Bonnell



Helen Bonnell Smith



Kate or Belle?



Mrs. Doyle



Margaret Ogress Watson



Margaret Ogress Watson



Mrs. Chamberlain



Kate Bonnell

Old Settles of Garry,
Idaho





A Group of Griggsville School Teachers, Seventies.

FLAGS WE HONOR.

We honor the flag of our country,
Our glorious red, white and blue,
The emblem of progress and freedom,
It calls for our loyalty true;
Wherever this flag is uplifted
O, long may it wave for the right,
Its stars sending out beams of blessing,
To herald a day pure and bright.

*American
Flag*

Wherever the flag is uplifted,
Sweet Mercy and Sympathy go,
To bind up the wounds of the suffering,
Reflecting love's tenderest glow;
To minister aid to the needy,
To cheer the unarmurung brave,
O, may it go forth like the Master,
To comfort, to heal and to save.

*Red cross
Flag*

Wherever this flag is uplifted,
Our hearts are anew stirred to prayer;
Each star on the flag means a soldier,
Surround Him, O Lord, with Thy care.
Whatever the dangers that threaten,
Be near Him to guard and defend;
O, may He be safe in Thy keeping,
And know Thee, His Saviour and Friend.

Service Flag

Wherever this flag is uplifted,
We reverently honor our God.
In Him, we are fervently trusting
His praise we are sounding abroad;
To Him, we pledge our allegiance,
True soldiers of Christ we would be,
Till earth shall be filled with His glory,
Extending from sea to sea.

*Conquest
Flag*

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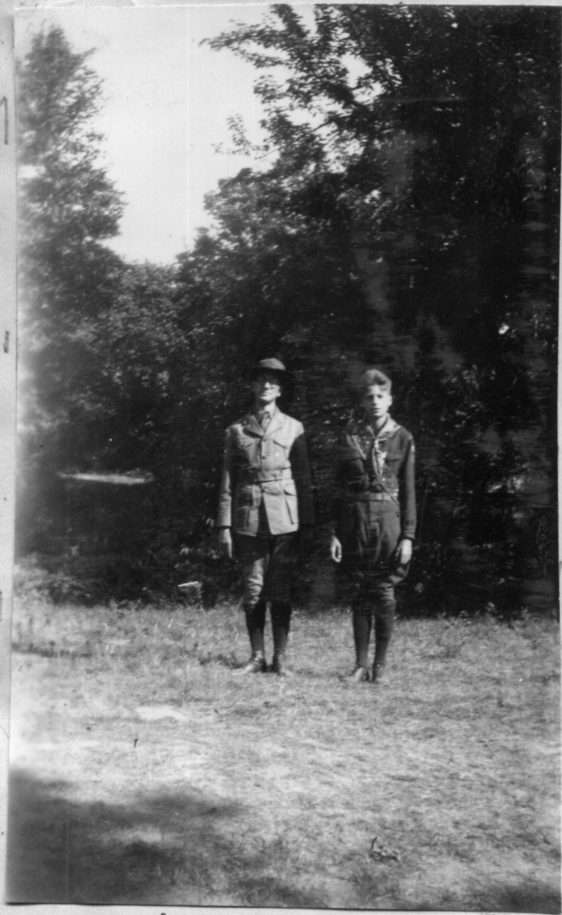
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'Heaven from all Creatures Hides
the Book of Fate.'.....Ella Mitchell

PIANO KINDLY FURNISHED BY BRYANT.



Bill Watson



Mr. Gordy Bill Watson



Mrs. W. W. Watson



Bobby Watson



Bill Bobby



Bert Watson Bobby Beas
Texas



"Bessie Horan"



Madge Sellens
Margaret



Margaret Watson at 4 years



Margaret Wailey at 4 years



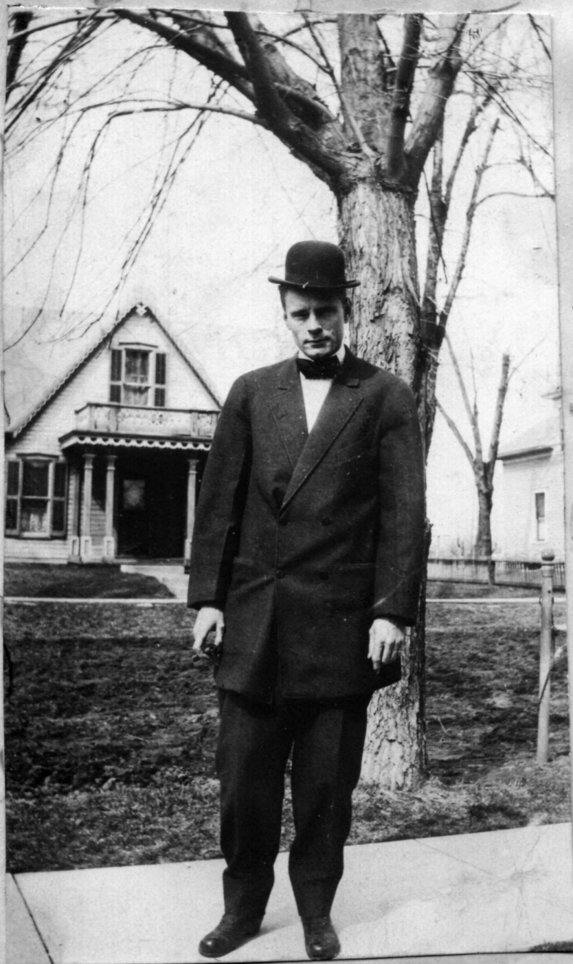


Bobby Watson 4 years









Bret Watson



Bonnie Howell Margaret



Bessie Horse



Bess Palmer

Mr. McKee





Bert B. Watson
b. 2/25/1883

m. 5/26/1914

Bessie Palmer
b. 7/6/1893

6-4-1940

D. 12/21/74

William Wendell Watson II m.

Marion Villiger

b. 2-20-1915

b. 7-28-1916

Barry, Ill.

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William W. Watson III

b. 1-2-1949

Chicago, Ill.

Margaret McClelland Watson

b. 5-1-1952

2. Roberta Palmer Watson m. 5/26/1935 Arturo Robinson

b. 9/4/1916

b. 9/1/1915

Barry, Ill.

Chile

William Henry Robinson

b. 2/24/1941

Santiago, Chile

③ Polo de Reyes

Margaret Agness Watson m. 2/3/1930 Russell S. Cooke

b. 3/1/1899

b. 2/22/1898

Barry, Ill.

Chicago

Donald Watson Cooke m. 10-1-1960 Sandra Louise

b. 11/24/1935

John

Springfield, Ill.

b. 2-17-1937

Christi Louise Cooke

Indianapolis, Ind

b. 12-7-1964

Houston, Texas

Bert B. Watson

Roberta Palmer Watson m.

f - 2 - 4 - 1917
Benny, Ill.

d -

William Henry Robinson m.

f - 2 - 24 - 1941

Arturo Robinson
Vina Del Mar, Chile

f - 9 - 1 - 1915

William

Robinson f

1969

Margaret Agnes

Watson m. Russell S. Cooke

b. 3-1-1899

Bany, Ill.

d.

b. 2-22-1898

Chicago, Ill

d.

Donald Watson Cooke m. Sandra L. John

10-1-1930

b. 11-24-1935

Springfield, Ill.

b. 2-17-19

Indianapolis,
Ind

Christi Louise Cooke b. 12-7-1964 Houston,
Tex

Mrs. Margaret Watson, widow of W. W. Watson, died at her home in Barry Saturday. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Barry M. E. church in charge of Rev. J. A. Johnson and burial was in Park Lawn cemetery. Surviving are a son, B. B. Watson of Barry; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Cook of Springfield; a sister, Mrs. Belle Farwell of Terre Haute, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

June 5, 1937

condition is reported.

A son, their first child, was born Sunday in a Springfield hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cooke of that city. The baby weighed 7 pounds at birth. Mrs. Cooke before her marriage some years ago, was Miss Margaret Watson of Barry, only daughter of Mrs. W. W. Watson.

Donald Watson

Mrs. John S. Lamp was able to re-

11-24-1935

Newspaper Article 1 – Death of Amelia Bonnell

Mrs. A. Bonnell, whose obituary appears elsewhere in this issue, was on her annual visit with her son, Dr. W. W. Bonnell, and her daughter, Mrs. H.F. Farwell, of Astoria , Ill., and their families, when her sudden and brief sickness took her from labor to reward. For many years she has made and enjoyed these annual autumnal visits. This time her daughter, Mrs. W.W. Watson, accompanied her on her way as far as Chapin, when they separated, all unaware that it was to be their final parting, the daughter going on to visit friends elsewhere. The week before her sickness her son, Joseph G., a former pastor of the M.E. church of this place, and who had not met her for near eight years, having resided in Florida for that length of time, went from the late session of his conference at Jerseyville, Ill., to make her a visit. He found her in remarkable vigor for one of her age, and after a brief but mutually delightful visit, he bade her adieu the evening of Sept. 23rd and returned to his home at Harrisburg, Ill. On Tuesday, Oct. 1, about 11:30 a.m., she was taken violently ill with congestion of the stomach, to which she had been subject at different periods in late years. For some hours she suffered intense pain, but afterward became comparatively calm and then passed into a state of unconsciousness from which she never rallied, and died at 11:15 p.m. Friday. A telegram Friday afternoon conveyed word to her relatives at Barry, and Mrs. Watson made her way as quickly as possible thitherward. But, alas! Ere she reached her bedside, about 1:30 a.m., October 3, the “silver cord was loosed, and the golden bowl was broken.” The last conflict had come and death had asserted her sway. But her beautiful life faded out as gently and peacefully “As sinks the summer’s sun to rest.”

Newspaper Article 2: Obituary of Ameila Mattox

Miss Amelia Mattox was born in Clermont county, Ohio, July 22, 1814, and died in Astoria, Ill. Oct. 2, 1896.

She was married to Henry Bonnell, October, 1834, and shared with him for almost 36 years life's sorrows and joys. They moved from Ohio to Griggsville, Ill., in 1850, and Mr. Bonnell died in that city in 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnell were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are now living – Dr. William of Astoria, Ill.; Rev. Thomas, of Taylorville, Ill.; Rev. Joseph G., of Harrisburg, Ill.; Albert, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Margaret Watson and Miss Kate Bonnell, of Barry, Ill., and Mrs. Belle Farwell, of Astoria, Ill.

Mrs. Bonnell was converted when quite young in Ohio, and for more than sixty years was a member of the Methodist church and a devoted Christian. She could say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," for she delighted to attend the Sunday School, the class meeting and the preaching services.

After spending more than sixty years very pleasantly in the service of Christ here, Sister Bonnell has been taken to her reward, and in her heavenly home with loved ones she will have the privilege of spending eternity in His service. Christ said to her, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Mrs. Bonnell was buried at Griggsville, Ill., and her funeral services were held in the Methodist church at that place, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, 1896. All of her children and a large company of relatives and friends attended the services. As Sister Bonnell's home was in Barry, and she was a member of the Methodist church in that place at the time of her death, her pastor, Rev. W.N. Rutledge, had charge of the funeral services, and preached from Psalm 116:15 – "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Dr. Horace Reed, her presiding elder, and Rev. A. C. Armentrout and Rev. R. L. Steed assisted in the services.

W.N. RUTLEDGE

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, The oldest member of our Sunday School, Mrs. Amelia Bonnell, has been called to her heavenly home, we, the officers, teachers and members of Barry Methodist Episcopal Sunday School wish to place on record our appreciation of this one who was for more than sixty years a loving disciple of our Lord, and who gave to all who knew her a bright example of Christian living; therefore,

Resolved, That we cherish her memory with tender affection and will endeavor to follow her as she followed Jesus.

Resolved, That her wisdom in choosing the Savior while young in life, and adhering to him in maturer and advanced years impresses us with the fact that Jesus Christ is the “better portion” for all persons of all ages.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy goes out and is extended to her children and grandchildren, and especially to her who is one of our corps of teachers.

In behalf of the school,

The Com,

HENRY DIGBY
EMMA RUTLEDGE
C.W. HOGG

Article 3: Demoine Burleigh Obituary

Newspaper Heading: Nebraska, Thursday, March 8, 1923

D. BURLEIGH IS DEAD Served as Trainmaster in Fairbury Twenty-three Years, Spent His Last Days in Topeka

Demoine Burleigh was born in Ohio, May 20, 1850 and passed away at his home in Topeka, Kansas, Thursday afternoon, March 1, 1923, at the age of 72 years, 9 months and 9 days, following an illness of several months. Few railroad men have had a more interesting career than Mr. Burleigh. At the age of 16 he began working on the section for the Wabash railroad at Clayton, Ill. One year later he became freight brakeman and soon a passenger brakeman. His next position was that of foreman of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy yards at Quincy, Ill., which position he held five years. In 1878 Mr. Burleigh became a freight conductor of the Burlington, running from Beardston, Ill., to St. Louis and later held the same run as a passenger conductor. In 1882 he went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was a passenger conductor for six years on the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, running from Minneapolis to Albert Lea, Minn. He first came to the Rock Island at Horton, Kansas in 1889 as trainmaster. He remained at Horton two years then moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and in 1893 was transferred to Fairbury as trainmaster, which position he held for a period of over nineteen years, making a total of twenty-three years he served in that capacity. Following an operation on his eyes he went to Topeka, Kansas as station master in 1912, which position he held until he was retired on a life pension, April 1, 1922. When Mr. Burleigh came to the Rock island, it was comparatively new, here in the west, and the number of wrecks Mr. Burleigh picked up ran well into the hundreds. There was not a piece of Rock Island track or a town on its lines with which Mr. Burleigh was not familiar, and probably no employee of the road had a wider acquaintance. When he left Fairbury, the division employees presented him with a handsome diamond ring, showing the esteem in which he was held.

In 1881 Mr. Burleigh was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bonnell, at Astoria, Ill. He leaves to mourn at is death, his wife and two children, William H. Burleigh of Detroit, Michigan, chief engineer for the Machinery Sales & Electric Co., and Miss Nell Burleigh, secretary to the president of the Topeka Edison Co., Topeka, Kansas. The youngest child, Gertrude, died in 1893, shortly after the Burleighs moved to Fairbury.

Newspaper Article 4: Illness of Dr. W. W. Bonnell

1913, probably from the paper in Astoria, Illinois, where he lived for many years.

Dr. Bonnel, a highly honored and well known druggist of this city, is seriously ill at his home on East Broadway. The Doctor is 78 years old and this is the first time within thirty-five years he has been compelled to go to his bed on account of sickness. Neither has he been absent from his business within the past thirty years on account of sickness. He has had remarkable health and his many friends hope that he will recover his normal health. As we go to press, his condition is reported to be slightly improved.

Newspaper Article 5: Obituary of Mrs. W.W. Bonnell

Unknown Newspaper, handwritten date 2 November, 1921

Word was received in this city the latter part of last week of the death of Mrs. W. W. Bonnell, which occurred Wednesday, November 2, at a Topeka, Kansas, hospital, the result of a fracture to one of her hips sustained seven weeks previous. Her age was 93 years, 2 months and 28 days, the remains were brought to Astoria for internment and funeral services were conducted from the M.E. church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Chas. L. Stokes. The burial was in the Astoria cemetery.

Mrs. Bonnell united with the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of fifteen years and has been a faithful member of the church for the past forty-eight years. She was a charter member of the Astoria Eastern Star Chapter, in which her husband held the office of Worthy Patron for many years, both being loyal and true members of the Order.

The passing of this good woman brings sorrow to her many friends in this city, where through all the years of her residence here her life was an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact. Gentle and kind, she reflected the noble Christian character of a true mother of Israel.

Jane Ebberhart Smith, daughter of Dennis and Elizabeth Smith was born August 4, 1838, at New Boston, Clermont County, Ohio. She came to Illinois with her parents in 1852 and settled at Carthage, Illinois, living there until married April 29, 1860, to Dr. W.W. Bonnell, of Naples, Illinois, where they resided for one year, moving to Clayton, thence to Griggsville. They came to Astoria in 1914 remaining here until the death of her husband which occurred June 6, 1914, after which time she made her home with her two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Burleigh, 911 Huntoon St., Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. May Fluke of Florence Kansas. Besides her daughters, she is survived by two grand children, W.H. Burleigh, Detroit, Michiga., and Miss Nell Burleigh, Topeka, Kansas.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mrs. D. Burleigh, of Topeka, Kansas accompanied the remains of her mother, Mrs. W.W. Bonnell to Astoria. Others from out of town who attended the funeral Sunday: Mrs. H.F. Farwell, sister-in-law of Terre Haute, Ind.; Albert Bonnell, brother-in-law, of Chicago; Miss Frances Bonnell, niece of Owaneco, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atkinson, of Sciota and Mrs. U.G. Butcher of Lewiston.

Newspaper Article 6: Dr and Mrs. W.W. Bonnell's Golden Wedding Anniversary

Astoria, Illinois, 1910

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bonnel, of This City, Fittingly Observe their 50th Anniversary of Wedded Bliss.

In these modern times there are seventeen different wedding anniversaries observed. Those who have lived together for one year observe the paper anniversary; two years, the straw; three years, the candy; four years, the leather; five years, the wooden; seven years, the floral; ten years, the tin; twelve years, the linen; fifteen years, the crystal; twenty years, the china; twenty-five years, the silver; thirty years, the pearl; thirty-five years, the coral; forty years, the emerald; forty-five years, the ruby; fifth years, the gold; seventy-five years, the gold; seventy-five years, the diamond. The diamond wedding anniversary is usually observed after the couple have been married sixty years.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bonnel were married in Carthage, Illinois, April 29, 1860, by the Rev. J. D. Oliver. According to the date of marriage they have had the privilege of observing all of the anniversaries. Excepting the diamond. They may have observed all of these anniversaries; but we are sure of one thing; and that is, they observed the golden wedding anniversary in a proper and enjoyable way last Friday, April 29, 1910. The dinner cards bore the inscription, "1860-1910".

The day was an idea; one very similar to the day of corresponding date of fifty years ago, according to the memories of the bride and groom. And why should not the day be an ideal one in order that two people who have been fortunate enough to have lived together as man and wife for fifty years. While the Doctor and Mrs. Bonnel have passed through the various ordeals common to married life, sharing the responsibilities of a true father and mother, their fifty years of companionship together has been a life of continuous joy. Those who attended their wedding 50 years ago undoubtedly wished the newly married couple "much joy". The large number who attended the golden anniversary last Friday, and hundreds of others who did not extended, and continue to extend congratulations to this happy couple and wish them "much joy" for many years, still.

Special invitations were sent to all of the relatives of the family, a few close friends, and the Eastern Star Lodge, of which both Doctor and Mrs. Bonnel are members, and a general invitation to their many friends who live in Astoria. The response to the invitations was hearty indeed. Previous to the day of the celebrations Mrs. D. Burleigh and Mrs. W.H. Fluke, daughter of the host and hostess, made all preparations for entertaining the many who came. It is useless for us to say that the arrangements and carrying out of the same were perfect, for the many who were there to participate in the festivities of the day will of one accord say that the way the large crowd was received and entertained certainly showed much experience and most excellent taste, and judgement. The home was most beautiful decorated with flowers and drapes of white and gold, which was

appropriate and pleasing. At 1 o'clock a delightful two-course dinner was served to the two principals and the twenty guests that were present. While the table ware and the ingredients to a great extent were trimmed in colors appropriate to the occasion, the colors only added to the appetizing and satisfying qualities of the well prepared food. It was a sumptuous repast indeed, and sumptuously served. When it came to serving and eating, formalities were forgotten sufficiently that all were permitted to lay aside their dignity and enjoy themselves, fully.

Those present to the one o'clock dinner were the following: Dr. and Mrs. W.W. Bonnel; Mr. and Mrs. D. Burleigh and daughter and son, Nellie, and William H., Fairbury, Nebraska; Rev. and Mrw. W.H. Fluke, Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonnel, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Helen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Watson and daughter, Margaret, Barry, Illinois; Mr and Mr. Hart Farwell, wife and daughter, Bonnie, Terre Haute, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Maro Farwell and wife, Bloomington, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth Carter, Astoria; and Rev. C.M. Wilson, Astoria.

Those who could not be present to partake of the dinner and enjoy the celebration, in answer to the invitation, sent their regrets and with them their congratulations were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mattox, Locust Corner, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Hooper, Nelson, Missouri; Mrs. Leslie Ferguson, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. A.M. Danjey and wife, Los Angeles, California; Dr. and Mrs. E.D. VanSyckle, Freeton, Tennessee; Mrs. J.C. Lutz, Alexia, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. H. Oviatt, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Cooke, Hutchinson, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ritchey, Alexis, Illinois; C.E. Hessey and wife, Tacoma, Washington; J.H. Cover, New Hampton, Missouri; Mrs. A. Stickler, Macomb, Illinois; Rev. Joseph Bonnel and children, Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Shank, Clayton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. William Spangler, California; Mr. and Mrs. John Shank, Clayton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Cover and Mr. Daniel Cover and wife, Quincy, Illinois; and the Rev. and Mrs. G.D. Hensell, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Only two persons are now living that witnessed the marriage ceremony, namely ?, New Hampton, Missouri and Mrs. A. Stickler, Macomb, Illinois. Mrs. Stickler and Rev. Joseph Bonnel were prevented from attending the celebrations on account of sickness.

The entire afternoon was spent in receiving and entertaining the many friends who called to extend their congratulations and bring good cheer to the long married couple. At 8 o'clock a large group of friends preceded the entire membership of the Eastern Star Lodge to the Bonnel home. The crowd was large and was certainly a representative body of Astoria's best citizens. After the entire number had been pleasantly received, introduced and greetings exchanged, a surprise was sprung on the couple who were celebrating by calling the assembly to order and cornering the bride and groom and informing them that they were appreciated indeed in the Eastern Star Chapter and as a token of their appreciation the Chapter wished to present the bride an Eastern Star Past Matron's gold pin and to the groom a gold finger ring with the Eastern Star emblem as a setting together with a \$5 gold piece. The Worthy Matron, Mrs. A.E. Scott, made the forcible presentation speech and the Doctor was so dumbfounded and full of gratitude it took him some time to come to himself to make the response to the speech. But as usual, he regained his characteristic self-possession and in a most graceful and elegant manner

thanked the Stars for their token of love and friendship. After the presentation of the presents, in groups of eighteen the entire company were ushered into the dining room and served refreshments that were in keeping with the event. As each one left the dining room each guests was tagged with a golden bow.

While all were eating and making merry a noise was heard from without, and to those who are acquainted with John Meredith and his performers, it did not take long to decide what was happening out on the lawn. The Astoria Band is not in the habit of being outdone when it comes to the adding of joy and mirth to an occasion and were now making good their reputation by serenading the entire crowd in honor of the good doctor and wife. It might have been the boys would have kept up the sweet strains of music the entire evening and the doctor not interrupted them informing them that it was necessary for the musicians to be refreshed as well as the guests. The boys understood what it meant and with much grace and decorum marched into the dining room and there played their parts well. It requires reciprocity like this to make happiness complete.

The presents were not many, but in excellence they made up for what they lacked in numbers.

When the company had sat down to dinner Mr. Albert Bonnel was requested to make a speech that would surprise the doctor and wife and check their appetites. Well, he did make the speech, and said some mighty touching and impressive things and then closed by telling the honored couple that the immediate relatives wished them to accept from them a dollar in gold for every year that they had been married. The speake was applauded and the Doctor regained the power of speech and responded in behalf of self and wife in a way that made Albert think that he had a brother that could make a before dinner speech as well as himself. This part of the program was certainly delightful and pleasing to all.

Besides the Eastern Stars and the immediate relatives' presents, the couple received the following gifts: One set of gold bowl spoons from a group of friends; a gold bown berry spoon from the Cover family; a gold bowl berry spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price; gold-lined bon-bon dish, a group of friends; five-dollar gold coin, Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth Carter; five-dollar coin from nieces of the couple; gold-bowled Kansas spoon, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oviatt and Dr. Fred Cook and wife; and a gold-bowl Tacoma spoon from Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hessey.

The day was a happy one in the lives of this esteemed couple who have lived among the Astoria folks for the past 35 years and they sincerely thank all who had a part in making the day's event so enjoyable.

Below are the names of those who registered in the register prepared for the occasion and placed for all who called to use:

W. W. Bonnel, J.E. Bonnel, D. Burleigh, Demoine Burleigh, W.H. Burleigh, Nell Burleigh, Mrs. W.H. Fluke, W.H. Fluke, Albert Bonnel, Emma S.B. Bonnell, Helen Smith, Belle Farwell, Hart F. Farwell, Maro Farwell, Fern Farwell, Hart F. Farwell, jr; Sue Farwell, Bonnie Farwell, W.W. Watson, Margaret Agness Watson, C.M. Wilson, Emma J. Wilson, Dolworth Carter, Emily B. Carter, George W. Weber, Mrs. George W. Weber, Ruth Buck, Sylvester Cooper, Mrs. Sylvester Cooper, J.M. Onion, Mrs. Onion,

John Lovell, Mrs. Lovell, S.A. Hudnall, Mrs. Hudnall, Mrs. Dr. Toler, Joshua Bucy, Mrs. Bucy, A. E. Scott, Mrs. A.E. Scott, T.W. Price, Mrs. Price, Dr. Neece, Mrs. Neece, Walter S. Price, Mrs. Walter S. Price, U.G. Butcher, Mrs. Butcher, Margaret Butcher, J.D. Fenton, Mrs. Fenton, H.B. Kost, Mrs. Kost, Mrs. W.R. Browne, Dr. Alfred J. Baxter, Mrs. Baxter, E.H. Diehl, Mrs. Diehl, J.M. Todd, Mrs. Todd, F.G. Bader, Mrs. Bader, Dr. E.M. Price, Mrs. Price, Mrs. G.B. Scripps, J.D. Atkinson, Mrs. Atkinson, T.E. Toler, Mrs. Toler, R.N. Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Mary E. Toler, C.W. Toler, Mrs. May Pary, R.E. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, T.F. McLaren, Mrs McLaren, L. C. Campbell, Mrs. L.C. Campbell, Ida Treagellas, Effie Tregellas, Ive Evans, Annette Baxter, Lilace Kidd, T.B. Songer, Mrs. Songer, Lucy C. Waggoner, A.L. Hughes, Mrs. V.R> Kidd, H. Lutz, Mrs. Lutz, Dr. Tom Toler, Mrs. Toler, Effie Wells Bottorf, Anna Endres, Mrs. Nellie Simmons.

Band Boys – J.H. Meredith, Trixie M. Justus, Marshall Harmon, J.G. Baldry, L.J. Danner, Carl W. Talbott, Ralph Lee, C. W. Harmon, Leionard Parrish, and Dayle Snyder.

Newspaper Article 7 – Obituary of Jennie Bonnell Pierce

AT REST

Nothing is more certain than death yet we are never prepared for it. It may come in the dreary winter, with the sultry summer sun, in lovely autumn, or with the violets of spring – come when it will, it is never welcome. And so it was when Mrs. Jennie Bonnell Pierce was called away. Weak and emaciated as she had become from long suffering, and although her friends saw her life's blood slowly but surely ebbing away; yet when death came it was unexpected. To her it must have been hope long deferred, but she bore her trials patiently and with great fortitude. Her sufferings were intense and such agony is only experienced by few mortals. Kind hands ministered to her every want all the days and hours of her protracted illness, but all that human hands could do were of no avail. The relentless grasp of cancer was upon her, and claimed her as its own. She died with a consciousness of a well-spent life, and in full condolence of a glorious hereafter. **Jennie Bonnell** was the oldest daughter of Henry and Amelia Bonnell. She was born in Batavia, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1840. Ten years later when she came to Griggsville with her parents and family. When she was twelve years old she was converted and joined the M.E. church. She was married to James Pierce, May 21st, 1884, and from that time until her death she performed the duties of a loving and devoted wife. She died April 5, 1889, in Griggsville, where she passed her maidenhood and maturer years, she was known to all. She was most loved by those who knew her best. At home, in the school room and in society, she had the same amiable disposition, and her first thought was always for the good of others. In all her relations of life she acted the part of a true woman. For thirteen consecutive years she had charge of the primary department of our public schools, and to her benign influence and careful tutorship can scores of the youth attribute their moral as well as intellectual worth. Her influence was always for good. A devout Methodist, she had strong convictions, and ever placed herself on the side of right. The funeral took place from the M.E. church at 2 o'clock on Sunday. Rev. Wohlfarth preached the sermon, taking his text from Rev. 14:13. A large concourse of relatives and sympathetic friends were present to pay their last respects to their deceased friend and neighbor. The burial took place at the city cemetery. She leaves a husband, mother, four brothers and four sisters to mourn her untimely loss, all of whom attended the funeral, with the exception of two brothers and one sister, who lived at a distance.

Newspaper Article 8– Obituary of Kate Bonnell

MISS BONNELL CALLED HOME

WELL-KNOWN AND POPULAR TEACHER

A Sad and Touching Funeral.
Death of Lyman Likes, an Old Resident

Kate Bonnell, daughter of Henry and Amelia Bonnell, was born near Griggsville, Pike county, Ill. , Jan. 13, 1859, and departed this life at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Watson, in Barry, Ill., February 28, 1902.

Her early life was spent with her parents, brothers and sisters at Griggsville, Ill., where her father was engaged in business for many years.

She graduated from the Griggsville high school in the summer of 1879, and in the same year began teaching school as a profession; filling with honor and credit to herself positions as primary teacher at Chambersburg, Meredosia and Barry, Ill.; also at Wichita, Kansas, and Salt Lake City, Utah. While teaching at Salt Lake the work being very heavy and the strain too much for her strength, because of failing health, she resigned her position and returned to Illinois, spending some time with her sister at Astoria, Ill., and about 1894 came to Barry, Ill., to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Watson.

Her experience and eminent fitness as a teacher in primary department work was fully known to the Barry public school board and four years ago she accepted at a good salary a position as primary teacher in our schools, which positions she ably filled to the entire satisfaction of every school board since as also the patrons of the school.

This sketch would be incomplete without saying that she was eminently qualified for the special work among the children; she loved the children and the children loved her; the government of the children was the sternness of love; she was easily approached by the pupils but her demeanor was such that familiarity with the children did not breed contempt and they had the greatest respect for her. Her idea of a teacher's . Bonnell's work was broader than some; she was not satisfied with having the children so many lessons from text books, but always opened her school with song, reading from God's word and prayer and taught them that an all seeing eye was watching over their work and actions; thus morality and obedience to God were enjoined by her teachings and example. Herein was the secret of success that attended her work where ever she went. Her work will not end with her death but the influences which she set at work in the young minds and hearts will be felt for more than a generation. Hers was a noble work and who would not covet such qualities of head and heart if they desired to teach successfully?

Sister Bonnell united with the Methodist church when quite young at Griggsville, Ill. she placed her membership in Barry, M.E. Church Jan. 20, 1896, and after the lecture room was built in 1897 she was elected superintendent of the primary department and remained as such until her death. This department she perfectly organized and last year added a new feather, "the cradle roll", in which nearly forty names of young children

were enrolled, thus interesting many mothers in the Sunday school. All her work she did quietly, without show or sounding of trumpets, often saying, "It is only little I can do but I want to do what I can."

In the homes of her sisters where she will be greatly missed. Aunt Kate's wishes were always consulted and her interests in her sister's children was always loving and constant and their relations were most tender.

She leaves to mourn her death three brothers, Dr. W.W. Bonnell, Astoria, Ill., Rev. J.G. Bonnell, Epworth, Ill., and Albert Bonnell, of Chicago, Ill, and three sisters, Mrs. Helen Smith, Barry, Ill., Mrs. Belle Farwell, who was her twin sister, Astoria, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Watson, Barry, Ill., and many other relatives and friends.

The following poem, written in memory of another who said on her dying bed, "To die is like going from one room to another," we insert a eminently appropriate in the case of our departed sister:

DEATH BUT A TRANSITION

Dr. J.G. Bonnell

A child of God lay dying
In the quiet of her home
But she said at her departure:
How
When God's saints to death do come;
For they find at their departure
They but go to another room.

Our Father's house has mansions –
Missing words the home
And as we pass from this life
We but go to another room.

The funeral services were conducted in the M.E. Church Sunday, March 2, 1902, at 2:30 p.m. by her pastor, W.M. Hailey, assisted by Rev. H. H. Hurley of the Baptist church. The Barry school board, corps of teachers in the primary department attended in a body and occupied reserved seats near the casket that contained the remains of their beloved co-worker and teacher. The floral tributes composed of designs and cut flowers, the gifts of the teachers, school board, children and the primary department of the Sunday school literally covered the casket and all the space around it. As the sun was sinking to the western horizon at the close of day her body was laid to rest in beautiful Park Lawn cemetery. In the resurrection morn may it have a more glorious awakening and rise to meet her Savior in all the brightness of His glory.

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Barry Breeze

Newspaper Article 10– Obituary of Joseph Gatch Bonnell

RE. J.G. BONNELL DIED SATURDAY AT HIS TEXAS HOME Was Brother of Mrs. W.W. Watson, of Barry - Burial in Astoria

Mrs. W.W. Watson of this city was apprised of the death of her brother, Rev. Joseph G. Bonnell last Sunday. The deceased passed away at the home of his son, Elmer at Dallas, Texas, Saturday morning, December 12, 1931, after an illness covering a period of several months. He was nearly '88 years of age. His death was the second in the family within a few months, the sister, Mrs. Helen Smith having died August 1, 1931, at her home in this city.

Rev. Bonnell was a veteran minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. After his preparatory education, at Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, he entered Illinois Conference in the fall of 1869, and served charges for 13 years in that conference, seven years in St. John River, conference of Florida, four years in Southern Illinois conference and seven years in Colorado conference. He was pastor of Barry charge in 1875-76. Retired relation was assumed by him in 1909, since which time he has resided most of the time with his son at Dallas.

During his long and active life Rev. Bonnell did not confine his efforts to the ministry. For seven years he was financial agent for Chaddock College at Quincy and for two years he was president of Hayward College at Fairfield, Ill. He was also decorated as Doctor of Divinity by Abington College, Abington, Ill.

In a literary way, Rev. Bonnell was more or less successful, having been identified with several religious publications, and he edited a volume that contained narratives of the life of a fifteen year old soldier who served in a Union regiment through the Civil War, which brought him many compliments. He also had a well-trained voice and delighted in singing. Some of his compositions were adopted and printed by different congregations he served.

Rev. Bonnell was a son of Henry and Amelia Bonnell and was born January 10, 1843 at Batavia, Ohio. At an early age he emigrated with the family to Griggsville, Ill., where he grew to manhood. May 12, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Metz of Chambersburg, Ill., and to the couple were born a family of seven children, five of whom passed away early in life. Two sons are living, Mrs. Bonnell died at Denver, Colo., July 11, 1906. Rev. Bonnell took for a second wife, Mrs. Nannie E. Smith, who is still living.

Of the family of Henry and Amelia Bonnell, three members remain. They are Albert Bonnell of Lake Bluff, Ill.; Mrs. F.H. Farwell of Terre Haute, Ind., and Mrs. W.W. Watson of Barry.

The remains of Rev. Bonnell were conveyed to Astoria, Ill., the former home of the family, and were laid to rest beside the remains of Mrs. Catherine Bonnell. The funeral took place last Monday.

Newspaper Article 11– Obituary of Joseph Gatch Bonnell

Joseph Gatch Bonnell, son of Henry and Amelia Bonnell, was born January 10, 1843 at Batavia, Ohio. In childhood he emigrated with the family to Griggsville, Ill., where he spent his boyhood years and young manhood. He began his education in the public schools of that city and in the Griggsville Academy. He further continued his scholastic studies in Northwestern University and Garrett Bilbical Institute at Evanston, Ill. He entered the Illinois conference in the fall of 1869, and served charges for thirteen years in Illinois conference, seven years in St. Johns River conference of Florida, four years in Southern Illinois conference, and seven years in Colorado conference. He assumed the the retired relation in 1909, in Colorado.

Rev. Bonnell passed away at the home of his son, Elmer at Dallas, Texas, Saturday morning, December 12, 1931, at the age of nearly '88 years of age. His death was preceded by that of his sister, Mrs. Helen Smith of Barry only a few months, her death having occurred at Barry on August 1, 1931. Of the family of parents and eleven children there survives Albert Bonnell of Lake Bluff, Ill.; Mrs. Belle Farwell of Terre Haute, Ind., and Mrs. Margaret A.. Watson of Barry, Ill., together with several children and grandchildren. Rev. Bonnell's immediate family consists of two sons, Elmer of Dallas and Eugene of the state of Washington, and their families.

On May 12, 1870, Rev. Bonnell united in marriage with Miss Catherine Metz of Chambersburg, Ill., and for 35 years this couple journeyed life's pathway, sharing the sunshine and shadows of the itinerant ministry. Mrs. Bonnell died at Denver, Colo., July 11, 1906. Rev. Bonnell took for a second wife, Mrs. Nannie E. Smith, who is survives.

During his long experience Rev. Bonnell was called upon for positions besides the ministry. For seven years he was financial agent for Chaddock College at Quincy, two years he was president of Hayward College at Fairfield, Ill. and was decorated as Doctor of Divinity by Abington College, Abington, Ill.. He was pastor of Barry charge in 1875-1876. In a literary way, he was quite a success, having been identified with several religious publications, and he edited a volume that contained narratives of the life of a soldier boy of fifteen years who served in the Union army, a volume that receive much attention and public interest of those stirring times. Rev. Bonnell also had a well-trained voice and made good use of it in musical lines. He also composed and several selections of songs which were adopted by some of the congregations he served.

The funeral took place Monday, Dec. 14, 1931, at Astoria, Ill., and the remains were laid to rest beside his wife, Mrs. Catherine Bonnell, in the cemetery of that place . Astoria was the home team of the family for several years.

Newspaper Article 12– Obituary of Albert Bonnell

Albert Bonnell, a resident of Griggsville in by-gone days, died Monday, Oct. 26 at his home in Chicago. He was about 90 years old and had been very sick for several years. He and his family had spent several winters in Sarasota, Fla., but returned to their home in Chicago several months ago.

Mr. Bonnell was a brother of Mrs. W.W. Watson of Barry and of Mrs. Belle Farwell of Terre Haute, Ind. His wife is a former Miss Wagley, the Wagley family being prominent here years ago, conducting the Wagley hotel at the present site of the Press office.

Mr. Bonnell is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, two sisters and a brother.

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Newspaper Article 13– Obituary of Albert Bonnell

Mrs. W.W. Watson received word of the death of her brother, Albert Bonnell, at Sarasota, Florida, which occurred Tuesday morning. Mr. Bonnell was 91 years of age, and one of eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bonnell, a pioneer family of Griggsville. For many years Mr. Bonnell and family resided in Chicago, locating in Sarasota, Fla. A few years ago.

Mr. Bonnell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Weagley Bonnell, two sons and two daughters, and two sisters, Mrs. H.F. Farrell of Terre Haute, Indiana and Mrs. W.W. Watson of Barry.

Newspaper Article 14– Obituary of Helen Bonnell Smith

MRS. HELEN SMITH DIED AT HER HOME SATURDAY MORNING

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Was One of Barry's Most Beloved Women – Funeral Held Monday

The Silent Messenger has again entered the portal of one of our honored homes and plucked a cherished flower. A beautiful Christian character has closed life's labors. There is an aching void in this community, in the passing of Mrs. Helen Smith.

Helen Bonnell was the daughter of Henry and Amelia Bonnell, native of Clermont County, Ohio. She was the eighth child of a family of eleven children. In the year 1850 the family emigrated to Griggsville, Ill., where Helen was born November 28, 1854. Her girlhood years were spent in her home city, where she received the splendid training and education that developed the lovely characteristics she later sustained. As her years advanced her inclination drifted toward educational pursuits. She became a teacher and served several years in country schools of Pike county. In 1874 she was elected to preside over the third grade of the Barry Public schools, a position she held for five years with marked success.

On October 7, 1879, Miss Bonnell became the bride of Eugene Smith, a gentleman who long occupied a prominent position in commercial circles of Barry. The home was established in this city, and one child, Stanley E. Smith, came as a result of the union. After Mr. Smith's retirement from business the family for a few years led a quiet life on the farm near town, then sold the land and returned to our city to reside, where the home has since been maintained. The family life was ideal and happy until the great sorrow of the death of Mr. Smith was experienced. Mrs. Smith followed in death on the morning of August 1, 1931 at her home, leaving to mourn her departure the following relatives: Stanley E. Smith, son; Rev. J.G. Bonnell, of Dallas, Texas, and Albert Bonnell, Lake Bluff, Ill., brothers; and Mrs. Belle Farwell, Terre Haute, Ind., and Mrs. Margaret Watson, Barry, Ill., sisters, and several nephews and nieces.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith were in their prime zealous and active in religious and social affairs. They were abreast of the times in civic and public life in which they kept well informed and were always to be counted on the right side of all worthy questions. They were among the leading and devoted members of Barry Baptist church, and with the Sunday school and all church activities. Mr. Smith was for many years a deacon of the church and the treasurer of the funds; Mrs. Smith was superintendent of the primary department and teacher of classes. They were faithful to the close of life.

Mrs. Smith was a lady of many graces – amiable, kindly, charitable and considerate; careful of speech for fear of offense, and her every act was governed by simplicity and tenderness. Sincerity and devotion to duty was the rule of life. She cherished the high ideals of true womanhood and her emotions were always of the noblest character. "Those who knew her best loved her most."

Mrs. Smith's illness was of long duration, but was borne with such fortitude and patience few of her friends knew of her condition and her death came as a distinct shock

to the community. She had only recently returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Farwell, at Terre Haute. Her decline was rapid at the close.

In benediction holy and sweet, she leaves the impress of her life upon relatives and friends wherever she is known. She will long live in the memory of those she loved and who loved her.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Baptist church. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. Elmer Jones, of Canton, Mo., a former pastor, conducted the services and the music was by Mrs. T. Elmer Jones and her daughter, Miss "Billie", with Berl Wilke as accompanist. The internment was in the family lot at Park Lawn cemetery. Relatives and friends from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Farwell and daughter Bonnie from Terre Haute, Ind.; Stanley Smith and wife, Quincy, Ill.; N.S. Brown and wife, of Springfield, Ill.; Miss Louise Struck of Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. W.M. Hailey and wife of Ashland, Ill and Mrs. Emma Mills of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.